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Speech by Senator Conkling on Louisiana Affairs.

A Noble Defense of President Grant and Gen. Sheridan.

The House Wastes Two Days' Time on Fillibustering Motions.

WASHINGTON, January 28, 1875.

SENATE.

Interest on District Bonds.

Mr. MORRILL (Maine), from the Committee on Appropriations, reported favorably on the bill to pay the interest due February 1st, on the 3.65 bonds of the District of Columbia. Passed.

Pacific Mail Subsidy.

Mr. BOGY submitted a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act of June 1st, 1872, granting a subsidy to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Mr. SPRAGUE objected to the present consideration of the resolution, and it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Petitions.

After the presentation of a large number of petitions against the restoration of the duty on tea and coffee, and for the repeal of the act of 1872 reducing certain foreign products of 10 per cent. duty, the business on the calendar was proceeded with.

Right of Way to a Railroad.

The House bill regulating the right of way and adjoining grounds to the Oregon Central Pacific Railway Company through public lands of the United States from Minnemucca, Nevada, to the Columbia river, via Portland, Oregon, was amended and passed.

Bills Passed.

Senate bill providing for the appointment of a commissioner to ascertain the right of subjects of Great Britain to lands in the territory which was the subject of award of the Emperor of Germany under the treaties of 1846 and 1871 between the United States and Great Britain.

Senate bill amendatory of and supplementary to the act of March 1st, 1872, entitled "An act to set apart a certain tract of land lying near the headwaters of the Yellowstone river as a public park."

The Louisiana Question.

At the expiration of the morning hour the Louisiana discussion was resumed.

Mr. CONKLING took the floor. The galleries were densely crowded, and many persons having the privilege of the floor occupied seats there.

Mr. CONKLING began by saying that the drama which entertains the Senate must have its run, and that a time had now come when silence only serves to prolong the wrangle. The Presidential contest for 1876 has been opened in the Senate. The way in which my amendment was received by the Senator from Ohio (Thurman) told us instantly that we were to be charged all along the line. Every partisan supporter was ready to vote for the resolution if made courteous. The course of the President was prejudged. The opponents had almost the entire newspaper press of the land with them. After that, it will become notorious that our action would be anticipated if we longer delayed, the resolution was passed. The plain, manly message came, and now lies upon our table. Then the discussion should have ended, but it did not. The Senator from Missouri came forward with his resolution, and so the machine for grinding out political capital runs on. Senator Thurman occupied the attention of the Senate for four hours yesterday, and others are doubtless waiting to take his place to-morrow. He is the recognized leader of the Democratic party, but he did not tell us what to do with the great Louisiana question. It was the Senator from Ohio (Thurman) to whom the nation looked more than any other man to originate the policy of his party. The honorable Senator (Thurman), when commanding upon Southern outrages, said in effect if such was the condition of society in the South, it was time that the party which had been in power through the war and since the war should give way and let another party come in. There was the clue which unravelled this web. That had been the gospel of the Democrats since the beginning,—make reconstruction a failure; make it a mockery; keep an agitation; disturb, foment, and revolutionize, and the time will come when the country, wearied and worn with the commotion, will accept anything for a change. The solid body of the Democracy seems to be to oppose a measure which originates with the Republicans. The honorable Senator from Ohio, in his argument, went back to the election of 1872, and made that period a background for the events a decade ago. Who made the election in 1872 a fraud? It was Warmoth, the leader of the opposition in Louisiana, the champion of the Democracy who was to carry the State for Greeley and thus help to make him President. The election of 1872 in Louisiana was an organized fraud. The testimony before the Senate Committee showed that Warmoth's control of the election machinery then was equal to twenty thousand votes. In every form in which this question had been tried, the decision had been against McEnery. The Courts, both houses of Congress and the President have decided against McEnery. No responsibility for the doings in New Orleans on the 4th of January touches the President of the United States. The first information he received in regard to the disturbances came with the information given to all citizens at large. The newspapers of the following day were his first informers. If there were those in Washington who knew that a revolution was to take place on the 4th of January, the President of the United States was not one of them.

Mr. CONKLING next referred to the reasons which induced the President to send Gen. Sheridan to New Orleans, and said before this letter of the President directing Gen. Sheridan to go South, the President had been compelled to listen to tales of suffering which must have made him deaf. They did not concern the election, but they concerned the lives, homes and property of those who had never been false to their country's flag, and under which flag were hunted, as if they were wild beasts. These entreaties summoned the Chief Magistrate to his feet. One of these had reached him but three days before. It came from one who for twenty years had been a resident of Sheridan's judicial officer, not appointed by the President, but appointed by the Court. He said troops were stationed in Louisiana, and their presence there was lawful, because the domestic remedies of our army must be stationed somewhere. It must be stationed in some State, and no matter where found, its right to be there was unquestioned, and its withdrawal from New Orleans would have been possible only with a City of Magistrate in open connivance with murderers and traitors. What would General Washington have said about ordering troops away from New Orleans where the air was murky and heavy with violence, and stationing them somewhere where all was peace? This question was presented to Washington when four counties in the western part of Pennsylvania resisted a whiskey tax. An inspector and a surveyor were resisted, and Washington ordered out and put on foot fifteen thousand men, and went to command them himself. The revolt was abandoned, but armed men in great numbers trod the soil of Pennsylvania to preserve the peace and prevent any further outbreak.

Mr. CONKLING then referred to the seizure of arms in New Orleans in September last by the White League, and said they had never been given up, although the President by his proclamation called upon the insurgents to lay down their arms and repair peaceably to their homes. Yet after more than three months had elapsed they stood defying the Federal Government. The arms not returned consisted of two mountain howitzers, 624 Springfield breech-loading rifles, 301 Winchester rifles, 684 Enfield rifles, 93 Spencer carbines, and 1,504 bayonets. These arms were carried by these men to-day, and they were in rebellion against a proclamation commanding them to lay them down. The Chief Magistrate required no defense for allowing soldiers of the Union to remain in the State of Louisiana after the 14th of September, when they had been summoned there to arrest a business so bloody. Forty-eight hours before the message of the President was sent to the Senate, the honorable Senator from Missouri, (Schurz,) declaring he intended to speak with calmness and impartiality, told the country he was then in possession of all the information necessary to form his judgment, and proceeded to arraign the President as the doer of the deeds in Louisiana on the 4th of January.

Mr. CONKLING here read from the remarks of Mr. Schurz in reference to the President, and said that was the language of the Senator from Missouri, who, standing, as it were, upon the ashes of human ambition, assumed to weigh in his hand the motives and acts of one charged with the administration of the laws. The meanest culprit was entitled to be heard in his own defense, and there was an assumption of his innocence until he was proven guilty. But for an American President, in an American Senate, there was neither hearing nor assumption. Such is the passing! General Sheridan was equally undeserving of praise or blame for the doings in New Orleans on the 4th of January, as he was not in command when the Legislature met.

Mr. CONKLING here sent to the Clerk's desk and had read Sheridan's dispatch to the Secretary of War, saying: "I see my way clear, if you will only have confidence." Commenting upon this dispatch, he said General Sheridan, in a seething cauldron of corruption, feared that rumors might cause his superiors here to feel a distrust in him, and sent this dispatch to the Secretary. It was then the Secretary replied in haste: "All of us approve your course." Later in the day he sent him another dispatch, to the effect that the President and Cabinet were firm in the belief that all acts of his in New Orleans had been and would be judicious.

Referring to the "banditti," Mr. CONKLING said Sheridan did suggest impossible and violent modes of procedure. If Sheridan called murderers banditti, what code had he offended? He applied the term to notorious malefactors, those who robbed and plundered, and such as he has offended object to it. The right of Sheridan had been challenged in this chamber to breathe the free air of the republic, but should the day come when a desperate apostate would judge him unfit to breathe the free air of this republic, then we had better burn the memorials of our forefathers, dance on the tomb at Mount Vernon, and fling down the obelisk on Bunker Hill. Sheridan's sword was not the stained sword of an assassin. The blood upon it was that of those who tried to destroy the fairest fabric of free government that the world has ever seen. It was the sword of a soldier who had been fighting that free government might not perish from the earth. He (Conkling) would gladly in this chamber let bygones be bygones, but when the most illustrious soldier was denounced, the retrospect was forced upon him. Sowing denunciations and disparagement of the National authorities will not pacify the South. They will not carry the next Presidential election. When Governor Kellogg is impeached or indicted, when Gen. Emory or Gen. De Trobriand are prosecuted by court martial or otherwise, then grave questions may arise. Then the Senator from Ohio (Thurman) cried out yesterday. Why in case has Emory? He (Conkling) did not know. He did not appear for Emory. He did not appear to vindicate the President of the United States. He needed no vindication. He was a stranger to the whole proceeding. He did not appear to champion the Republican party. The Republican party was in no sense privy to the record of the transactions in New Orleans. The Senator said much had been done in Louisiana on both sides which he could not approve. He did not appear for Gov. Kellogg, but he spoke for common sense, for common right. If there was a defect in Kellogg's title to the office of Governor, that had nothing to do with this case. He argued that the laws of Louisiana required the Clerk of the former House to call the roll of the succeeding one, and that law was made for the very purpose of avoiding such strategism and conspiracy as was witnessed in the Legislature on the 4th of January.

Mr. CONKLING then argued that it was the encouragement which the Democrats of the South received from those of the North that caused them to commit the outrages. The Senator from Ohio had spoken of the butcheries in the South as homicides not warranted by law. It was no way to deter strong-headed men from violence by telling them that they were right in complaining of all their grievances. If the Democrats wanted to deter violence in the South they could not do it by denouncing the laws of Congress. It had been contended that the Governor of Louisiana had no right to interfere in the organization of the Legislature. No one said a Governor could organize a Legislature. The Governor of a State had nothing to do with consecrating a Bishop or dedicating a church; but if a tumult should arise at such consecration or dedication, the civil magistrate had as much right to suppress it as if it had started on a racecourse, in a play-house, or a skating-rink. The civil authorities in Switzerland had nothing to do with baptizing children; but the other day, when such baptizing in Geneva was attended by a disturbance, not only the civil authorities, but the military laid a strong hand upon the officials.

Without concluding his argument, adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Dead-Lock.

The House was in session all night and this forenoon. The roll was called continuously over dilatory motions of Democrats. The voices of half a dozen reading clerks were used up, and substitutes had to be introduced. At 10 A. M. the House had not been without a quorum since the contest began. The democrats appeared to about one-half of their number for rest. This do-nothing policy was continued throughout the afternoon.

In the course of a long discussion about amending the rules and breaking the deadlock, Mr. MCCRARY said: May I ask the Chair when it will be in order to move to amend the rules?

The Speaker—It will be in order on Monday morning under the call of States.

Mr. ALBRIGHT, (Pa.)—But not if there be no adjournment before Monday.

The Speaker—It is quite in the power of the majority, if it wants a change of rules, to defeat an adjournment.

Mr. MCCRARY—I desire now to give notice that on Monday next I will submit a motion to amend the rules.

Mr. RANDALL—I make a point of order that you cannot give that notice now.

Mr HOTCHKISS—Can the Committee on Rules report at any time?

The Speaker—Undoubtedly.

The roll was called for the "regular order," and the Clerk thereupon proceeded with the call of the roll. The significance of the discussion is that it indicates the policy of the majority to be to renew next Monday the motion, which was made and defeated last Monday, to amend the rules so as to prohibit, for the remainder of this session only, the Speaker from entertaining dilatory motions whenever a public measure is before the House. Under the operation of such rule the passage of the Civil Rights bill and other measures having the support of the majority of members would be plain sailing.

Midnight.—The calling of the roll on dilatory motions proceeds without variation, and although the members generally appear to be pretty thoroughly wearied out and disgusted, it is not unlikely that the proceedings may run all through the night. The last call showed the presence of one hundred and fifty members.

NEW YORK.

Trial of the Brooklyn Scandal Case.

Theodore Tilton Called to the Witness Stand.

NEW YORK, January 28, 1875.

The Scandal Trial.

There was the usual crowd at the Tilton-Beecher trial to-day. The counsel and principals were on hand early. Judge Neilson, upon the opening of the Court, gave his decision on the point raised yesterday by Mr. Evarts as to Mr. Woodruff giving a relation of what occurred at the interview between General Tracy, Mr. Moulton and himself when Mr. Beecher was not present. Judge Neilson said he had considered the authorities on the subject, and ruled that witness might relate all that occurred at the interview.

The attention of the Court was called to a pamphlet issued from the *Tribune* office, entitled "Part First of the Official Report of the Tilton-Beecher trial." Judge Fullerton stated that instead of having evidence only of the trial, there were comments relating to Moulton and counsel.

Mr. Beecher paid an eloquent tribute to Moulton as a witness, and Mr. Evarts, in turn, said they were not actors on the stage.

Judge Neilson said he would confer with the publishers about this matter.

Franlin R. Woodruff then deposed: Moulton proceeded to tell Tracy about the case; that the points of the case published by Mrs. Woodhull were here. Moulton said he had been trying to keep the case covered up. Tracy said that he did not recommend lying, but in this case he thought it was perfectly justifiable. He also recommended that either Moulton or Tilton be sent to Europe.

Cross-examination—I introduced Moulton to you on that occasion. I think you asked thing else but the scandal rested on anyother papers, and he said that there also remained the statement made by Mrs. Tilton to her husband. I do not recollect being present on any other occasion on the study than at this interview. I have heard the "True Story" read. This interview, I think, began about 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and ended about 10 at night. I think we had supper, which lasted about an hour, and the balance of the time was spent in discussing the Woodhull scandal. The pistol scene came up for discussion, and Moulton said it was incorrectly reported there. I think you said to Moulton that the part of the story which related to him could be refuted, and I think you read the story, paragraph by paragraph. I do not remember that Moulton at that interview denied telling this story to Mrs. Woodhull, nor did he admit having told it.

Counsel read portions of the Woodhull article, and asked witness if Moulton denied telling them to Mrs. Woodhull at that interview.

The witness replied that he had no remembrance of the parts of the scandal read, as he took no interest when they were discussed at that interview. I do not think you advised Moulton to deny the Woodhull card so far as it related to him. I was in the habit of going to Moulton's in 1871; met Tilton there; he was out of employment, and wished to start a paper, and said $\frac{1}{4}$ fifteen or twenty thousand dollars would be enough to start with. He announced that he was going to start it, and I advanced then three thousand dollars. There was about twelve thousand dollars. Isubscribed other five or six thousand dollars. I paid in fifteen hundred, and got his note for that amount. I saw Mr. Southwick, and told him about it. I have never paid the three thousand, but was released from it.

Tilton on the Stand.

This concluded the testimony of Woodruff, and Ex-Judge Fullerton called Theodeor Tilton, who took the chair.

Mr. Evarts objected to Tilton being sworn and made a long argument. The counsel maintained chiefly that all authorities were against the right of a husband or wife testifying for or against each other, as their rights and privileges were equal, and innovation destroyed and defiled the privacy and sanctity of the marriage relation.

Mr. Evarts read from several eminent jurists in support of his position. He claimed generally that if such a rule was adopted, perjury and violation of the nearest and dearest relations of confidence would follow. "The law," said Mr. Evarts, "throws around this great civil system of domestic inviolability the pure-robed figure of silence and secrecy. It does nothing by halves. It is complete, thorough, perfect, and states the fact so that all can understand."

General Pryor argued on behalf of the defense, and said he would adhere strictly to the point in dispute. The question was this: Was a plaintiff in an action a competent witness in his own behalf? The common law excluded all parties in a suit in which they were interested. We had now attained to that humane and enlightened degree that a criminal defendant was allowed to testify in his own behalf. In 1857 the barrier was removed by the Legislature of New York from the party interested in a cause testifying on his own behalf, and by a subsequent alteration of the phraseology he was compellable to testify. This was the law which governed this case, and would allow him to tell the story of his own sad wrong. It may be argued by the other side that Mrs. Tilton was a party to the action. She, counsel admitted, had an interest of feeling and repute, but it was not sufficient to constitute her a party to the cause. As the act of 1857 excluded the wife as a party to the act, Mr. Tilton was not in a situation to be acted on by it; but Mrs. Tilton was, and this was what the law meant.

The counsel was quoting legal authorities in support of his position, when the hour of adjournment arrived, and will continue the argument to-morrow.

Specie Saipments.

The specie shipments to Europe to-day were $800,000, of which $600,000 was gold coin, $100,000 gold bars, and the remainder silver. The Havana steamer took $30,000 gold coin.

LOUISIANA.

Congressional Investigation of Outrages.

Military Officers on the Witness Stand.

Lieut. De Rudie's Testimony.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—The Congressional Committee resumed the investigation to-day. Lieut. De Rudie took the stand, and testified as follows: Belong to the cavalry, and have been stationed at St. Martinsville; went there last October. On the 24 of October last went with a United States Marshal to help him serve writs at Breaux Bridge; while so doing some men saluted us with

Three Cheers for the White League.

When at Breaux Bridge the colored people informed us that white men had robbed them of their fire arms, and asked us to make arrests. We were told that if we made an arrest the prisoner would be rescued. We took one prisoner, and on the way some mounted men talked to him, but I could not hear what they said as we were halted another man the following day, and took both to St. Martinsville. On election day we were a short distance from St. Martinsville, and when crossing a field, saw a signal of men that we called us over White Leaguers. We met some colored men who told us that they had not voted, and dared not unless they voted the Democratic ticket, which they would not do. Several days afterward we were in the parish, where I saw a cortege of about three hundred mounted men, who must have learned where the prisoners were. They gave three cheers for the White League, and half a dozen for Nicholls. These men appeared to sign for the prisoners. United States Commissioner Riddle took the band. We did not go all the way back to St. Martinsville that night, but remained at a gentleman's house on the way, and started for St. Martinsville next day.

He stated, in reply to a question by Mr. Frye, that one hundred and sixty negro families were driven away by the mob who refused to employ them. Eight or nine negroes responded that bands of white men were riding through the country compelling planters to discharge negroes.

Witness further testified that he did not see for the troops, there would have been no registration of negroes, and even as it was, there was not a free and fair election. Referring to the White League, said it was drilling, but heard that they did. The Leagues had in a number of cases taken arms from the negroes; that he had heard of a great many negroes being taken out and

Hung for Stealing,

but never witnessed anything of the kind. If an election were held there to-day the negroes could not be permitted to vote, but that white Republicans might be permitted to cast their ballots. The carpet-bag and Democrats was not against dishonest officials alone, but against them as being Republicans.

Mr. Frye having concluded his interrogations, Mr. Marshall cross-examined witness at some length regarding registration, the political complexion of juries, the number of troops, etc., in the Parish, but did not change the tenor of the statement made by witness to any remarkable degree.

The counsel for the Conservatives then propounded a few questions, with a like result, excepting in the case of the discharge of colored men, which witness unedited by asserting that he did not know whether or not contracts between employer and laborer had expired.

Testimony of Capt. Gage.

The next witness called was Capt. J. H. Gage, who has been stationed at St. Martin's parish since October. His statement, in reply to a question by Mr. Frye, was that he had heard of the organization of the White League; heard it from members of both political parties that it was a political organization, whose object was to place in power their candidates. Colored men and Republicans believed the League would attempt to place in power their candidates at all hazards. There was an intimidation of colored men. One of his officers reported intimidation at Brow's Bridge. Troops were necessary to protect the interests of the colored men. It was understood that to vote the Republican ticket is to be followed by discharge; know the Kellogg officials there; they are natives of the State, and are called "Scallawag;" can't form an idea as to their character, and was asked to make complaint is against both the Kellogg Government and Republican party. The disposition of the white Conservatives there is not to give Republicans free and equal rights. There is opposition to the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. He had a conversation between Col. De Blanc and a United States Marshal, that De Blanc said: "If the white people are to be arrested for the discharge of negroes who voted the Republican ticket, make out your warrant for me now;" that he would discharge his own servant if he so voted; that on the morning of the election the supervisor came to him and asked for a posse; that there would be a riot unless a posse was furnished; that he informed many men of both parties that he would not permit any trouble, and if a peaceable election could not be held, he would not permit any to be held; that subsequently men who had left the polls for their guns returned without them, and the election was peaceable.

LEGISLATURES.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, January 28.—In the Senate a bill was introduced to provide for the propagation of fish. The House joint resolution calling on Congress to compel Indiana to fulfil her part of the contract relative to the maintenance of the Wabash and Erie Canal was adopted. The House bill to forbid official boards from appointing their own members to positions was passed.

In the House a resolution was adopted authorizing a special committee to inquire into all matters connected with the sale or leasing of State lands, or the keeking up or repair of State canals or roads. The resolution calling on Governor Allen for information relative to the calling out of the militia last fall was adopted.

In the House this afternoon bills were introduced to prohibit savings banks from loaning money on personal security, and to provide for establishing schools in infirmaries. A resolution requesting Congress to grant no more subsidies to railways and steamship lines was adopted. A resolution was offered by Mr. Hodge (Republican), and laid on the table, to discuss, declaring it to be the opinion of the General Assembly that no person should be elected President of the United States for a third term, and that the term of President should be made six years.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, January 28.—The first ballot in joint convention to-day resulted as follows: Carpenter, 59; Bragg, 52; Cole, 18; Dixon, Rubles and Bunn, 1 each. The second ballot was the same as the first, except that Cole had 17 and Dixon 2.

SECOND EDITION

HARRISBURG.

The Free Pipe Law Introduced—Its Principal Feature—The Legal Rights of Women—A New Act Sweeping Away Old-Time Distinctions—Regulating Municipal Elections.

Special to Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 28, 1875.

SENATE.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. YERKES—An act defining the duties of members of Councils in boroughs of the Commonwealth, and prohibiting the furnishing of work and supplies to said boroughs by certain persons.

Local Option.

Also, an act to repeal "An act to permit the voters of the Commonwealth to vote every three years on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors," approved March 27th, 1872.

By Mr. KERR—An act to make legal and valid all bonds or certificates of indebtedness heretofore issued by municipal corporations for value.

Womans' Rights.

By Mr. RUTAN—An act to regulate rights of tranquility, descent of property, and to prevent certain disabilities under the contract of marriage.

Section one provides that no marriage contract shall have any effect whatever upon the rights of property or impair the rights of any party to make contracts, sue, etc.; "but during the continuance of the marriage contract, the husband or wife shall have full power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, grant and hold his or her separate earnings, and to purchase, hold, transfer and convey real and personal property as fully and effectually, and in like form and manner as if such husband or wife had never been married, any thing herein contained *shall empower the parties to annul their contract of marriage.*" The second section permits the husband and wife to transfer property to each other, by deed, with or without consideration, but as against creditors at the time of the transfer, it shall be void unless the consideration was reasonable and adequate. The bill also abolishes dower at common law and tenancy by the courtesy of England; but gives to the surviving husband or wife the right to take one-third of the personal estate of the decedent absolutely, and one-third of the real estate for life. Where the decedent shall have left no surviving lineal descendant, the survivor becomes entitled to one-half the personal estate absolutely and one-half the real estate for life. In case of sale by orphans' court, the proceeds follow this mode of distribution.

Also, a supplement to an act to provide for the appointment a special detective officer in any of the several counties of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. WALLACE—An act to authorize the President and managers of the turnpike roads in the Commonwealth to vacate and abandon part or parts of said roads.

Also, an act for the codification of the laws relating to the insane. The bill was prepared by the Board of Public Charities.

An act to provide for the erection of watering troughs on public roads of the Commonwealth for the use of horses and cattle.

By Mr. MCCLELLAND—An act regulating the bringing of suits against the Commonwealth.

An act relating to camp meetings, Sabbath schools and other outdoor meetings.

The Pipe Line Law.

By Mr. NEWMEYER—A supplement to an act to provide for the incorporation of certain corporations, approved April 29, 1874, and to extend the provisions of said act to, and embrace within the provisions of the same the transportation of oil and natural gas by means of a pipe line.

The bill is a very lengthy one. In the main it provides for the organization of associations, when five persons qualified for that purpose, the utmost limit of the capital stock of any one company is placed at one million dollars; such company is empowered "to hold purchase and transfer such real and personal property as the purposes of the corporation may require, not exceeding the amount limited by its charter or by-laws, together with the right to appropriate and take lands, tenements, hereditaments and rights of way for locating and constructing steam pumps, tanks, pump houses and offices, and laying down its pipes or tubes, connections and branches, and for all necessary purposes, including the crossing of and the right to appropriate a right of way and locate its pipes, or tubes upon and over, under and across, any lands, waters, streets, highways, turnpike roads, canal or other public highway. Provided that when the said pipe line is located through, over, under or upon the streets, lanes, alleys or highways in which a city, borough or incorporated district of any city the consent of the municipal authorities to said location shall be first had and obtained, which consent said municipal authorities are hereby empowered to give upon terms to be agreed upon by said city authorities and said corporation.

The corporation is also empowered to sustain branches from the main line, fix the rate of toll not exceeding five cents per barrel of forty gallons of oil per mile for the first mile and one cent for each additional mile; or fifty cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas, and one cent for each additional mile after the first; the owners are compelled to furnish gas within ten days after delivery or pay five cents per month for each barrel over the time, and no discrimination whatever shall be allowed.

The following bills were passed finally:

An act relative to days of grace on negotiable paper.

An act providing for the preservation of ballots, lists, &c., in cases of contested election of members of Congress.

A supplement to an act relating to writs of *quo warrants*, approved June 4, 1836.

Authorizing writs of *quo warrants* in certain cases.

An act authorizing the holding of Orphan Courts by other than the regularly commissioned Judges in certain cases.

The following bill on third reading was laid over: A supplement to an act entitled "an act to consolidate, revise and amend the penal laws of the Commonwealth," approved March 31st, 1860, for defining the offense of kidnapping, and affixing additional penalties for the same.

Mr. BUTAN amended the following bill on second reading to meet the requirements of the Constitution: An act to authorize married women owning loans of the Commonwealth or capital stock to sell or transfer the same; also to include loans and capital stock of corporations.

The act to provide for the surrender of the franchise of a company or plank road corporation was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary General.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

A communication was presented from the State Treasurer transmitting his annual report for the year 1874.

Municipal Elections.

The House proceeded to the second reading and consideration of House bill No. 1, offered by Mr. Graham, of Allegheny, entitled "An act providing for and regulating the election of Municipal Officers elected by the People," and after some debate, said bill passed the second reading, amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That all members of councils, city, ward, borough and township officers, except school directors, to be elected on the third Tuesday of February next, or in any year thereafter, whose term of office would under existing laws, expire prior to the first Monday of March, shall continue in office from the date at which said term would otherwise expire to and until the first Monday of March next ensuing thereto, and the terms of their successors shall begin on the first Monday of March, and shall continue for the period now fixed for the duration thereof by the existing laws in each particular case. And hereafter all elections for officers which will be vacant on the first Monday of March shall be held on the third Tuesday of February next preceding thereto.

SEC. 2. That wherever said officers are now by law required to effect an organization, they shall meet for that purpose on the first Monday of March of each and every year.

SEC. 3. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Adjourned.

T. F.

Personal,

Mr. Graff of Beaver, was absent form this morning's session, attending the funeral of Miss. Katie Dull, daughter of James Dull, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg. K.

FROM EUROPE.

CANADA.

Commutation of Sentence Approved.

OTTAWA, January 28.—The Home Office has telegraphed its approval of the commutation of the sentence of Lepine to two years' imprisonment and the forfeiture of his political rights.

SPAIN.

Advance on the Carlists.

MADRID, January 28.—The National army has advanced on the Carlists and has already taken several of their strong positions. King Alfonso is with his army.

Franklin Savings Bank.

Deposits of *one dollar* and upwards received at the Franklin Savings Bank, 171 Federal street, Allegheny. MWF

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Dead-Lock in the House.

A Continuous Session of 38 Hours.

THE ROLL CALLED 64 TIMES.

Both Sides Determined to Hold Out Till Monday.

Democrats Chagrined Over the Election of Johnson as Senator.

"MILITARY INTERPERENCE" IN WASHINGTON'S TIME.

Special to Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 29, 1875—2 A. M.

The Dead-Lock in the House.

The House has been in continuous session thirty-eight hours. The roll has been called sixty-four times. Fillibustering is still going on. Both sides are determined to hold out till Monday, and longer if necessary. Lists of relays of both sides have been made out, and each member has hours assigned during which he must be in his seat. The galleries were full up to midnight, and a large number of spectators are still in attendance.

Military Interference.

Mention was made in the dispatches a few days since of the "military interference" made necessary by characteristic Democratic opposition to the first inauguration of President Lincoln. The following account of the affair was published in a Philadelphia paper on the 5th of March, 1861. It is equally interesting, grand and sad:—"The amplest civil and military preparations had been made by the municipal authorities and Gen. Scott to provide for any emergency that might arise. The various bodies of

United States Troops

were stationed in different parts of the city, the sappers and miners corps alone being in the procession. Lieutenant General Scott rode at the Capitol next to Capt. Barry's company of light artillery and Major Haskins' command. Infantry were continually passing to and fro. During the day military patrols were on duty all over the city, and the

Greatest Vigilance

was enjoined upon and observed by the regulars. * * * * * * *

One of the most startling features of this eventful day was that *a force of between fifty and sixty soldiers were stationed on the house tops, always ahead of the procession, as*

Sharp Shooters,

for the purpose of rendering service in picking off any rioters, if such a course had become necessary."

The "New" Tennessee Senator.

The Democratic Senators, particularly Thurman, Bayard, and others of that wing, are very much chagrined over what they really take as a defeat in the Tennessee Senatorial election which sends Hon. Andrew Johnson to the Senate for six years. They wanted a real, live, unreconstructed Confederate.

The Chronicle

comments on the subject as follows:—"Andrew Johnson stood by the Union bravely when his Southern associates were swept from the theatre of duty by the issues of life to divide the country and to organize a new republic foundedon the corner-stone of slavery. He made great sacrifices for the cause to which his heart seemed firmly attached. And as President, with all his faults and infirmities, his manifestations of love for the Union never wavered. In the rapidly coming events, standing as the country now does, on the crater of a slumbering volcano, Johnson's election may here after come to be regarded as an interposition of Divine Providence. The Republican majority, after the fourth of next March, will be fearfully small. A few premature avalanches from the snow gathered by the Democracy may entirely overthrow it. In that event, the perpetuity of the Government may depend on the inflexible Union sentiments of a few Democratic Senators like Andrew Johnson."

Texas Pacific Subsidy.

Tom Scott's bill to extend aid to the Atlantic & Pacific and Texas Pacific Railroad companies by a Government guarantee of the interest on the bonds of the companies still hangs in the committees of the two Houses. The Senate committee is not unanimously divided on the subject, although the bill will be favorably reported to the House by a vote of seven to five. The indications are that it will also pass the Senate committee, but it cannot pass the House committee. There is too strong a feeling against subsidies of any kind, and the bill will lay over to the next session, when a Democratic House will look more favorably upon it.

Republican Members

are not despondent because the House refused to suspend the rules, that some legislation might be effected. Several bills of small importance, and a similar move will soon be made, with a better prospect of success.

WASHINGTON, January 28, 1875.

The Kellogg Administration.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections have decided that the Kellogg administration should be recognized as the legal Government of Louisiana. The vote stood: Ayes—Messrs. Morton, Logan, Anthony and Mitchell; nays—Messrs. Alcorn, Hamilton and Salisbury. Messrs. Carpenter and Wooddigh were absent. Mr. Alcorn stated to the committee that if this resolution was adopted, he should vote in the Senate to admit Finchback.

Customs Receipts.

The customs receipts at the following ports for the week ending January 23 were as follows: Boston, $222,694; New York, $2,414,112; Baltimore, $88,499; Philadelphia, $58,948; at New Orleans for the week ending the 16th instant, $47,100.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—Bills have been introduced in both houses of the Nebraska Legislature for the removal of the capital from Lincoln.

—A meeting of Ohio lawyers will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, February 1st, for the purpose of forming a State Bar Association

—The President has signed the act to provide an appropriation for continuing the construction of the postoffice and custom house at St. Louis.

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FUTURE.

A Card from President Durrett.

In answer to inquiries frequently made by letter and otherwise, I make the following publication: First—The drawing of the Fifth Gift Concert announced for Saturday, February 27, 1875, will positively and unconditionally take place upon that day. Second—This concert on the 27th of February exhausts the privilege of the charter of the Public Library of Kentucky, and will positively and unequivocally be the last and final concert given by the Library. Third—After the drawing on the 27th of February over the property of the Public Library of Kentucky will vest in the people of Louisville and Jefferson county as a perpetual trust for the free use and enjoyment of all citizens. A majority or controlling interest of the stock has already been transferred to the city of Louisville with such restrictions as to insure to the people a free library forever.

R. T. DURRETT,
President Public Library Kentucky.

A Coke Fire.

Did you ever try to burn coke—that made by the gas works—in an open grate? If not, you ought to try it once and see how superior it is to a coal fire. It is very much cleaner, makes no smoke or soot or dust, as a coal fire does, and yet emits a heat twice as great as coal. The proper way to burn it is by using the blower (a piece of sheet iron made by any tinner for a few cents,) for three or four minutes and you will have such a fire that will make you sit as far away from the fire as the walls will admit. And yet the price is much less than coal—the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Gas Companies are now selling it at four cents per bushel in their yards, and delivering it for five cents per bushel—while coal costs you nine or ten cents. Where cheapness as well as cleanliness and comfort is much superior to coal. T. F.

Symmetrical Shape to the Feet.

Those whodesire boots and shoes which are really sensible, which will give to the foot a neat appearance and at the same time give comfort and ease in the wear, will find the same exactly suited to their mind at R. Taggart's, No. 129 Federal street, Allegheny. He has such a variety of widths to the same number that no one can fail in being exactly fitted, as his boots and shoes are made on every imaginable shape and width of last. And last but not least, here it no cheaper boot and shoe house this side of Boston and Lynn.

Iron City College.

We clip from the *Presbyterian Banner* of January 27th, the following complimentary but well-deserved notice of this popular and successful business college:

"The Iron City Commercial College is now in the full tide of successful study. This is the only institution of the kind in this city that we recommend to the public patronage."

WEATHER STRIPS

At THOMPSON & Co's, 84 Wood street.

CINCINNATI.

The Ice Gorge Broken Up.

GREAT DESTRUCTION AMONG COAL BARGES.

CINCINNATI, O., January 28.—About one o'clock P. M. the ice gorged in the river below this city gave way, and all afternoon and evening considerable heavy ice has been passing here. The steamers at the wharf all escaped damage, but coal barges lying on either side below the city suffered considerable damage. About forty loaded and empty barges were torn loose, some sunk, and many carried down the river, which may be secured at points below here. Among the heaviest losers are the Pomeroy Coal Co., ten loaded barges; Joseph Walton, Pittsburgh, fifteen empty barges; G. W. C. Johnson, four barges carried away from Ludlow, the Kentucky side. The total loss on coal and barges is submitted at $50,000. This may be decreased by the return of a number saved below here.

A Tribute of Thanks.

At an adjourned congregational meeting of the First R. P. Church, Allegheny, held on the 18th of January, 1875, a committee was appointed to convey to those generous friends who came to her timely aid, an expression of the church's gratitude.

It being impossible to see each one and thank him or her personally, the committee takes this opportunity to express publicly the thanks of the congregation to the kind friends who have assisted them in re-establishing themselves in their old and time-honored house of worship. In the month of September last, after a long and tedious lawsuit, the congregation obtained possession of their church building. It was made out of pure brick, and the treasury of the church was depleted by the expenses of litigation. At this inauspicious moment the friends of the church—some of whom belonged to other congregations—lent their valuable aid. They completely refurnished the church building and replenished the treasury by generous donations of money, thereby providing for the regular services of the Sabbath.

To these liberal friends the church desires to tender its heartfelt thanks, and to express the hope that the generosity shown in this case may bless the donors as well as the recipients.

The congregation has for the present secured the services of an able minister of the R. P. Church—Rev. Samuel Young, of Philadelphia—who will conduct public worship on Sabbath in the church, on the corner of Sandusky and South Diamond streets.

WM. HUTCHINSON,
Chairman of the Committee.
R. C. MACFERRON, Sec'y.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following deeds were filed for record since our last report:

Bernard Gloekler, et ux., to Henry Frecker, Jan. 8, 1875; lot in Fifteenth ward, city, with brick ings. Price.....$14,500

E. Satterlee, et ux., to James C. Lewis, et al., partners as the Alabama Furnace Co., Sept. 5, 1872; lot in Elizabeth township, with buildings. Price.....$5,000

Rt. Rev. M. Domenec, to John Wirtinger, of Pa., March 24, 2872; lot in Twenty-seventh ward, city, 24x100 feet. Price.....$600

Quit claim deed—Same to Mariah McFarland to John Grazier, Jan. 21, 1875; two lots in Twentieth ward, city. Price.....$70,

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Railroad Company to George Neon, Jan. 6, 1874; lot in Baldwin township, in company's plan, 90x202 feet

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1875.

BONDS at Frankfort 98¾.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113¾.

THE dead lock in the House at Washington still continues,—the Democrats fighting the Civil Rights bill in the most bitter manner, and the majority of Republicans maintaining it with equal determination. But for several reverants, this struggle could be avoided.

THE showing of Controller Snodgrass of the assets and liabilities of the city of Pittsburgh, gives us $13,783,830.94 of assets to $13,536,023.38 of liabilities, a surplus of $250,000. But his figures take old valuations of the City Poor Farm, Diamond Market House and grounds and the four wharves, it being believed that these valuations are far below the mark. Thus Pittsburgh, properly valued, could show a large excess of assets over liabilities, and as it is, makes a noble showing.

THE Schuyler Colfax lecture, in the Library course, next Tuesday evening, ought to be a great success in every way. The well-known eloquence of the lecturer, the subject, and the unusual facilities possessed by Mr. Colfax for obtaining information as to the private views and motives which influenced that remarkable man in his course of Administration, will doubtless combine to make the lecture particularly instructive as well as interesting. We venture that he will be greeted, as he deserves to be, by a large audience.

IT IS somewhat amusing to see the assumption with which a paper, whose columns are reputed to be in the employ of the Taxpayers' Union, assumes to have killed Cock Robin by publishing an account of matter, and labeling it, "Mayor's Proclamation." The affair has no validity whatever, and is not, of itself, of any importance. The only value of such a Proclamation, just now, is to intimate to the people that they may make all the preliminary arrangements for holding an election. The simple announcement in this paper that the real Proclamation will be published with in the legal time answers that purpose. So the boast of Cock Robin killer doesn't amount to much.

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?

We readily imagine the ecstatic joy of the Cock-Robin Killer, when it succeeded in hunting up the old proclamation which it re-shaped, and re-dated, and put out as the genuine article. True, Mr. Woods, Mayor Blackmore's counsel, says he only knew of one, and that is at this office, and Clerk Hartzell says there was but one, and he has the seal of the city, which must be used to attest the genuine article, and still further true, we refused a pimple-faced young gentleman Wednesday the privilege copying the real article,—still it is labeled "proclamation." More than this, it is signed,—although we notice that the types print a given name very similarly. But as this is attested, editorially as genuine, we see in this the reason for the joy displayed. What could possibly equal it? These years of aspiration to reach the dignity of an "organ" are realized. This profound tempest in a teapot has been stilled. This perplexing proposition of an election has been disposed of. What lawyers, and writs, and Taxpayers, and even the Mayor could not do, Cock-Robin did. "We are pleased to announce that a new election for Mayor, Treasurer and Controller of the city is no longer under debate,"—the whole business has been fixed, settled. We greatly enjoy the fact, that we have such a potential influence in this city. Hereafter, we imagine there will be no farther trouble experienced. Whatever shall be needed, from a good character to a safe sampling of strong whisky will be furnished, "*pro bono publico.*" We will sit us down, sure that the millennium is approaching, when all good will be realized, all evil dispelled, and the blessedness of an eternal brotherhood of kind feeling shall be enjoyed. The only mitigation to this exuberance is in the passing doubt that crosses our mind whether a forgery is, after all, a blessing in disguise. Suppose, for example, we are deceived by this roseate proclamation, so benevolently published by a journal remarkable for its generous liberality, in all things financial, and go forward, hold an election, and make, say Judge Mellon, or George Finley Mayor, and the elect march with the individual forces of the Taxpayers' Union on Mr. McCarthy, and demand the honors, dignities and emoluments of the Mayoralty, and it shuld turn out that after all said and done, Mayor Blackmore did not issue said proclamation, and that Cock-Robin Killer was not the official paper of the city,—what a waste of energy and kind-feeling,—eh?

THE PROCLAMATION BUSINESS.

So much has been said and written, for days past, about the Mayor's proclamation, a new election for city officials, and the like, that we deem it proper to put the subject before the people in its true light. What has been said, chiefly, has been of the sensational type, and by the reporters, and it follows that much of this is but partial, at best, and therefore not always reliably correct. The impression sought to be made by the organ of the Taxpayers' Union is, that the Republican party stole a march on the people last year, by holding an election in advance of the legal period, and that the people, thus, were defrauded out of an honest choice as to city officers. To rectify this, it is proposed to hold a new election for city officials, the hope being that at least others than those now elected may be chosen. The Democracy have not openly favored this move very largely, but have secretly encouraged it. They were defeated last year, and the hope is that they may be successful this year. At all events, they have nothing to lose. Thus, at last, the question has been brought to the issue, by the Mayor, who once refused, now consenting to issue a proclamation. The proclamation, to be valid, must be published in the official papers of the city. We have received it, and within the time prescribed by law, will publish it. In the meantime, another document, headed "Mayor's Proclamation," is published in the organ of the Tax-payers' Union. This, of course, has no legal validity, and has no bearing whatever on the proposed election.

The root question in this discussion is, was the election of last year illegal? We hold that it was not. It was held by common consent of both political parties, including all the citizens of the municipality, under instructions from the Attorney-General of the State, whose decisions as to constitutional questions must be accepted as semi-judicial, and entitled to stand until reversed by decision of the Courts. The election of last year was not only acquiesced in by all citizens, but the very parties who are now agitating for a new election, began the agitation for that of last year. We state what we know when we say that the first move for that election was made by the Democracy. The Republican party went into it reluctantly. Our opponents had imbibed the idea that the new Constitution gave them unusual advantages, and they were eager to reap the first fruits. They put forward John B. Guthrie for the Mayoralty, believing him to be their strongest candidate. The vote taken was a large one,—the citizens thus ratifying the action of the party managers. It was honestly held, and the result was an unmistakable majority for the Republican candidates.

We do not need to touch the constitutional question involved, as that is yet to be decided by the courts, but we say this on that subject: The honestly and legally elected officials of the city have, from the outset of this discussion, sought to get the merits of the question,—the constitutionality of the last election,—fully before the courts, but have been prevented. Side issues have been continually obtruded, and the responsibility of shirking the real issue is with the Taxpayers' Union. The false step of Judge Sterrett, in issuing the original *mandamus* for a proclamation, puts him in a position that requires him to decide in favor of the Union as a mere act of consistency, but we have yet to know of an impartial lawyer in the city who believes the case, in behalf of a new election, will stand fire five minutes in the Supreme Court. However that may be, it still is true that the Taxpayers' Union, and not the Republican officials, are the parties to avoid the direct issue, involving the merits of the entire controversy in the Courts. The offer was made to Mayor Blackmore's counsel that all expenses of a response and argument, in the case of the alternative *mandamus*, would be paid if he would allow an answer to be made, and the subject argued. The response was a compliance with the *mandamus* by the issuing of the proclamation.

The technical point of the non-subdivision of the city into election precincts is urged as an argument against the validity of the election. It is not claimed that there was fraud of any kind. We have only to say that an election is a supreme event, and Courts have been very careful heretofore, except in cases of palpable fraud, in setting them aside. Indeed, such a thing is not known. But is it not remarkable that the very parties who are now seeking to have an election set aside for non-compliance with a mere technicality, are now seeking to override an equally important legal technicality in the interest of a new election? The precise manner in which Mayors' election proclamations shall be published is prescribed, yet these parties, whose consciences are so troubled over the non-division of the city into election precincts, deliberately opine that they can, and—if need be—will, ignore another feature of law, that they may hold another election! Beautiful consistency, this.

The Republican party honestly proposes to stand by an election, even where it is against it, rather than accept the evils and confusion of an attempted violation of law. The Councils of this city, and those of Allegheny as well as the city officers of our sister city were elected at the same time, and under precisely the same circumstances. The Mayor, Mr. Phillips, was not the Republican candidate, nor do we believe he could be re-elected, were a new election held this year. Yet he has been admitted to office, without trouble, his nominations for the police force have been confirmed, and Councils have been sworn in. The same is true of Councils in this city. In Allegheny, important business has been transacted, — appropriations voted, and money spent. If the election was illegal, all done by those elected is illegal. Yet there, where the election went against us, no agitation has been produced. The Republican side has chosen to manfully abide the election.

There is really but little scope or breadth to the agitation in this city. The reporters have kept the subject in the papers, as a mere sensationalism. The *Dispatch* is the organ of a half dozen Taxpayers, and a new election would bring it notices at so much per line. The GAZETTE has had no financial interest in the course it has taken, to the amount of a single cent. Its proprietors have not, within the past ninety days, had any interviews or consultation, or communication, with the three gentlemen elected to office,—Messrs. McCarthy, Snodgrass, or Magee. Its course is governed by principle and law. And who are these half-frozen Taxpayers? Are they, in any comprehensive sense, representative citizens? Think of the names of Messrs. Mellon, Powers, Riddell, O'Keefe, Ward, Finley, and others, and ask,—do these men represent, in any large sense, the sentiment of the masses in this city? We do not undervalue them, but we do not overvalue them, either. Yet they are being used by the Democracy to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. Let us be understood here. In their mission as Taxpayers, seeking to influence, and reduce taxation, we do not criticise, but rather commend them. Any good service they can render in this direction is proper and right. But the city officials, against whom their efforts are directed, do not control the tax-levy in the slightest degree. Their action, therefore, in this direction, is purely political, and is really in the interest of the Democratic party. In saying this, we do not assume that were an election held, they would triumph, but merely mean to say it gives them a chance to which they are not entitled.

Let us strip this entire subject of the sophistry in which it has been enveloped so long. During the time the subject has been agitated, it could have been developed in the Courts, have been argued on its merits, and decided. This decision could have been appealed, and finally decided in the Supreme Court. Is it not obvious that this was the honest method? Properly decided, there could have been no controversy further. The officials elected last year, have constantly desired to have just this course pursued, and it was in the power of the Taxpayers to have brought on the issue. What did they do? Get namby-pamby opinions, at so much each, and finally prevailed on poor, sick, Mayor Blackmore to issue a proclamation. In other words, they have deliberately dodged the issue, and are trying to draw on an election on a really false basis.

We will add a word on the attempt of the Taxpayers' organ to represent Mayor Blackmore as persecuted, by threats and the like. So far is this from being true that he has been dealt compassionately with, by the Republican party, from a sense of sympathy. The Finance Committee, so far from prosecuting, or annoying him on account of this defalcation, through McVay & Co.'s failure, as they might have done, arranged to have his deficiency made up, little by little, out of the proceeds of his office. This, of course, has been with his consent,—but it shows the exact spirit manifested toward him, that they have arranged to leave him unannoyed, eking out his deficiency in driblets. So far from having been persecuted he has been shielded, aided, and protected. His misfortune is that he has fallen into less tender hands than those of the Republican party, and this proclamation has been in reality forced from him by a course, which, in his condition, was really persecution. Our surprise is that his counsel seem to have lent themselves to the Taxpayers in this matter. We fear neither the proclamation nor its publication, but it is time the facts were known.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, asks our State Legislature to make a further appropriation of $125,000 to assist in completing its hospital buildings. There are many reasons why this request should be granted The first and most cogent one to our minds is that this hospital is essentially a State Institution, "dedicated to the perpetual service of the State in the care of its most needy suffering citizens without reference to locality, sect or color." These unfortunate sufferers will have the advantages of the best medical skill—as good as can be afforded in the world.

This hospital has the great advantage of being connected with the University of Pennsylvania, the medical department of which is the oldest and best appointed medical school in our country. Philadelphia justly claims to be the medical emporium of this continent. The University of Pennsylvania was the cradle of scientific medical teaching on this side of the Atlantic; it was established more than a century ago, and numbered among its teachers such men as Wistar, Rush, Physeck, Chapman, Hugh L. Hodge and others equally distinguished of the past; and at the present time its Chairs are filled by men of whom the medical profession of our State ought to be proud. The Hospital whose claims we advocate is under the fostering care of this medical school grown venerable by age and experience.

There has been already expended in the construction and appointments of the Hospital over half a million of dollars, all contributed by benevolent citizens, except the $200,000 already appropriated by the State; they now ask the State to appropriate the further sum of $125,000, on the condition that $100,000 more will be added by voluntary contributions to the endowment fund. By so doing the State would secure for her unfortunate sufferers a well endowed Hospital, in which is invested the large sum of $975,000, thus:

State appropriations	$325,000
Land appropriated by City of Phila.	200,000
An Endowment fund contributed by individuals or corporations	450,000
	$975,000

We would therefore urge our representatives to give this request a careful consideration.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE glassblowers of Baltimore are on strike against a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent. on their wages. The men have hitherto been paid from $6 to $6.50 per day.

THE steamship Braunsceburg, from Bremen for Baltimore, has arrived at Southampton, having in tow the steamship Deutchland, from Southampton for New York, disabled by the loss of all the blades of her propellor.

A LARGE bed of eels has been found on the flats south of Chappaquiddick Point, Martha's Vineyard, and many tons have been taken out by fishermen. On Monday a man took one hundred and twenty-six from one hole which he had cut in the ice.

THE largest telegraph pole in the country is said to be the one just erected in New York to support the wires centreing in the new Western Union Telegraph Company's building. It is ninety-three feet high, rising much above the surrounding buildings, and is from a tree of California growth.

THE selectmen of Uxbridge, Mass., have ordered the vaccination of all the inhabitants of the town who have not been successfully vaccinated within five years. The school committee have refused to allow the attendance of children in the public schools who have not taken the same precaution.

THE National Rifle Association of New York is making arrangements to attend the International Rifle Match projected for Dublin the coming summer. This is a return match to which the Americans are invited by the Irish rifle team with whom they contended last year at Creedmoor, Long Island.

MR. BENJAMIN F. DEAN has collected since November, within a circuit of thirty or forty miles of Taunton, Mass., the skins of nearly 5,000 animals, including 3,500 muskrats, 900 skunks, 200 minks and 17 foxes. Last week he shipped to Boston over 4,100 skins. The average price obtained for muskrats is 25 cents; skunks, 80 cents, minks, $4, and foxes, $1 50.

A KANSAS paper settles the Louisiana question in this statesman-like manner: "Phil. Sheridan is the only man we have in Dixiedom whom we would be delighted to skin. Not that we would have any special use for his greasy hide, but only for fun; just out of idle curiosity, to see how he would enjoy the thing as a foretaste of what inevitably awaits him with hungry jaws at his final ocean."

THAT portion of Washington society which entertains and is entertained, is about striking against the exorbitant charges made and poor service rendered by the vast army of colored help whose assistance is evoked at balls, parties and receptions. The introduction of white waiters and caterers is one of the reforms proposed by one portion of the French disgusted inhabitants, whilst another class, more radically inclined, recommend the introduction of Japanese and Chinese.

THE New Hampshire Republican State Committee, in session on Wednesday, sent the following dispatch to Speaker Blaine: "The Republican State Committee, in Convention assembled, send greeting to the true Republicans in the Congress of the United States. Stand by the Civil Rights bill, and by Grant, Sheridan and Sherman in their efforts to protect the Constitutional rights of every citizen of the Republic, and the Republicans of New Hampshire will stand by you on the second Tuesday of March."

THE race meetings at Saratoga will begin on the 24th of July and close on August 21st, occupying a period of one month, during which eleven days' racing will be held. The programme will differ but slightly from that of last year. Seven days will close on March 1st, namely: A sweepstakes for all ages of $50 each, play or pay, with $800 added, one mile and a quarter; the Flash Stakes, for two-year-olds, of $100 each, half forfeit, with $500 added, half a mile; the Saratoga Cup, weight for age, a sweepstakes of $50 each, play or pay, with $1,200 added, two miles and a quarter; the Sequal Stakes, for three-year-olds, of $50 each, play or pay, with $700 added, two miles; the Summer Handicap, for all ages, $100 each, half forfeit, and only $20 if declared out, with $1,000 added, two miles; a sweepstakes for two-year-olds, of $100 each, half forfeit, with $700 added; winner of $1,000 and upward to carry extra weight, three-quarters of a mile, and a sweepstakes for three-year-olds, of $100 each, half forfeit, with $700 added; winners of $1,500 and upward to carry extra weight, one mile and a half. All of these stakes close on March 1.

PERSONAL.

REV. DR. PATRICK LEARY, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cashel, is dead.

THURLOW WEED, who has been quite ill for several days, has so far improved that he is able to leave his room.

THE heirs of the late Mr. Catlin offer to Congress the complete collection of that artist's Indian sketches for $100,000.

CHARLES SPRAGUE, the venerable banker-poet, who has just died in Boston at the age of 83 years, was on a railroad train only once in his life.

THE Governor of Iowa has appointed Miss E. C. Stebbins, of New Hampton, Chickasaw county, a Notary Public. She is the only woman holding office in the State.

A NUMBER of the New York Democratic journals are urging the Democrats and Liberals of the XXXIIId Congressional District to nominate Senator Fenton for the seat in the XLIVth Congress, made vacant by the death of Col. A. F. Allen.

MR. PETER LEE, of Newport, R. I., has started on a tour in search of Charlie Ross, under the guidance of a vision which he had some nights ago, firmly believing that, though wide-awake detectives have been stranded, his dream will prove a favorable Lee shore.

THE British Great Northern Railway recently killed a Mr. Pym on the occasion of Long Parliament Pym. Pym was "tenant for life" of an income of $5,000, and his death left his widow without resources, so that the sum, large as it seems, is only an assessment of three years on the victims life.

THE JAMES BOYS.

Throwing a Hand Grenade into a Cottage—Several of the Inmates Killed.

Kansas City advices of January 26th say an attempt was made to capture the celebrated James boys, at their home, three miles from Kearney, a small station twenty-four miles east of Kansas City, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, on Tuesday. The reporter of the Kansas City *Times* visited Kearney in the evening, and obtained the following particulars from Sheriff John S. Groun:—"The parents of the James boys are named Samuels; the mother is a widow, having married since her first husband's death; their house is in a thick wood, there are no houses within a half mile either way. It is a most dreary spot. The family was first awakened by some noise, when Samuels arose and went outside to ascertain the cause. He found the house on fire, and after putting it out he returned inside, where he discovered a hand grenade, a small bombshell, lying on the floor and Mrs. Samuels attempting to throw it into the fire, not knowing what it was. He ignorantly picked it up and threw it into a large fire place. The whole family came in, and almost immediately it exploded, wounding four of the family. Mrs. Samuels lost an arm; a child, eight years old, was killed, and two others were injured. This hand grenade had been thrown in through the window. The fire was commenced outside, and, from tracks of horses and men, it is evident that a terrific battle ensued, and the James boys were either in the house or the barn, and in going out the battle commenced. It is impossible to tell where or how many were wounded; blood was found about the fences and at the back of the house. The wounded were carried off into the woods, as was shown by the bloody tracks. The whole vicinity is in a great excitement. It is feared that the towns will be burned, and anything may be hourly expected."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Department Tycoons—How Appointments are Made Regardless of Politics—The Rise, Progress, Decline, Fall and Revival of the Johnson Departmental Club—About Doorkeepers—How They Brought About President Johnson's Apostacy and How They Get Eleven Thousand Dollars Fees, etc., etc.

Special Correspondence to Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 25, 1875.

When President Lincoln came into office fourteen years ago, he found, as a matter of course, the executive department in charge of and managed by clerks who had held over from the administration of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan. A few resigned and went into the rebel army or obtained clerkships under the Confederate Government, or became contractors for the army of the United States. The great majority, however, remained in office here. It was thought, as our civil service commission puts it, that "the removal from office for opinion's sake would degrade selections to a contest of office and not of principles," as they were retained and afterwards promoted, under the seniority rule, to chief clerks of divisions and bureaus, where the business of the executive departments was practically put into their hands. The vacancies caused by the promotions, as well as the large number of minor clerkships created by the necessities of the rebellion, were filled in part by Republicans. The old clerks have, however, since maintained the old Bourbon *esprit du corps*, and are known here as

The Department Tycoons.

By virtue of their position they are often brought in communication with Senators and Representatives than the Republican clerks of inferior grades. With Democratic Congressmen they are free to express their contempt for Republicans and Republican principles; sigh for the good old days of Democratic rule, and enter into any practicable intrigue to get Republicans out of office and their Democratic friends in—all "for the good of the service," of course, and "regardless of politics."

When Republicans of Influence

call at the Departments, our Tycoons are, or have been until since the late election, all complacence. If an appointment is wanted, they "will see the Secretary," and "ascertain if it can possibly be made." But really there are so few vacancies and the civil service rules so rigid that the thing may be impossible—will do all I can, however," etc., etc. And in this way it comes to pass that Mr. Fernando Wood has more appointees in the Departments than Speaker Blaine; while the cutthroat Mosby controls more appointments than any three Republican members of the United States Senate. Perhaps "Gen." Mosby is better qualified to select the minor officials of the Government than Senators Conkling Edmonds, Logan, Morton, Sherman, Scott, Oglesby, Frelinghuysen and others. It is a mere matter of opinion. "Gen." Mosby, I understand, has, until the late elections, professed to "disregard politics" in his nominations; while Republican Senators and Representatives, when kindly permitted to nominate, are apt to prefer Republicans—other things being equal.

The Johnson Departmental Club.

During the earlier portion of President Johnson's administration, the Tycoons were in high feather. They organized themselves into the ever to be remembered "Johnson Departmental Club," the object of which, as explained to your correspondent at the time, by one of the most prominent members, was "to turn all the d—d black Republicans out of office." They took especial note of "politics" about that time. When President Johnson was retreated from his celebrated swing around the circle, the members of the Departmental Club came out in procession in full force, with music and silken banners, and escorted His Excellency to the White House, where they were regaled with a two hours' speech.

They did not operate "without regard to politics" in those days quite so much as a little later, when the tenure-of-office law put quite a damper on affairs, and when it resolved the Departmental Club and sent its silken banners and official badges to where the woolbine twineth.

The disappearance of the Andrew Johnson Departmental Club was something marvellous. Its members became conveniently almost in a single night from the most furious Democratic partisans to the meekest of citizens who "have no hand in such politics whatever," and so retained their official positions, with very few exceptions, to this day, when they are again taking a little more interest in "politics," and again begin to talk of running those d—d black Republicans out of office."

The Civil service Rules

have been from first to last a real God-send to the Department Tycoons. By their cooperation they have been easy to keep themselves in office and give their Democratic friends under the pretence of solicitude for the purity and efficiency of the public service. Just as though honest and efficient public officials could not be had without submission to the Civil Service Commission's plan of selecting officials, wholly regardless of their principles or ideas of government, was started by Chas. Dana, in January and July, of the Albany *Evening Journal*, in his admirable address before the Editors and Publishers' Association at Lockport on the 17th of June last. He said, "We do not support our party because it is a party, but because we believe that in the main it represents *right principles and right tendencies*. We do not get principles from our party, but our party gets its principles from us. * * * *Time and then the means of enforcing them.* * * * In seeking strength of combined action among those who agree in the same objects, we do not abjure this right and duty of independent judgment."

Are Principles to be Carried Into Practice?

Now the civil service Tycoons say that they make their appointments without regard to the principles or convictions of the appointees. The Republican party may have convictions, but the agents selected to enforce these must have none. The Republican party may have principles, but the tens of thousands of officials selected to carry them out must have no principles, or, at best, must be selected without the least regard whatever to them.

The Opponents

of the civil service rules, as administered by the Department Tycoons here, have been misrepresented. They are not disappointed office-seekers, as has been represented. They do not want ignorant or dishonest men in office, as has been falsely said of them. Their position can be stated in a few words. They are Republicans from a conviction that Republican principles are in the main right, and that to put men in office hostile to the country to have them faithfully carried into practice by the Government. They believe, as

Mr. Treasurer Spinner Says,

that any administration will fail that selects its enemies to execute its convictions. And so believing, maintains that the first inquiry of a candidate for office should be as to his convictions—political principles—his "politics," if you call it that. Question being satisfactorily settled, the examination could then proceed to all other necessary qualifications. If well qualified and honest Republicans cannot be found in sufficient numbers to accept the offices, it will then be time to go to the Democratic party, or in other words to select candidates "without regard to politics."

Spies of Subordinates.

Those who think the lower grade of officials here have no power, are laboring under a very great mistake. The apostacy of President Johnson was brought about through the conspiracy of copperhead doorkeepers and a private secretary of the same ilk, who managed to keep his excellency surrounded by influential Democrats, and excluded, some days, almost wholly, prominent Republicans personally known.

Whenever the President was engaged with a prominent rebel, Senator Sumner would be turned away without an audience, and in this way His Excellency was astonished.

The fact that the Pacific Mail corruptionists found it profitable to pay two of the lowest officers of the House of Representatives over fifteen thousand dollars during a single session, speaks for itself.

Messengers and clerks of the lowest grade, "selected without regard to politics," were absolutely in the control of the Democratic nomination to the rebels that cost the country thousands of valuable lives and untold treasure.

Those who think the clerks who prepare and have charge of all the official papers of the vast corresponden e are mere machines, and that it is wholly unnecessary, in selecting them, to inquire as to their convictions or political principles, are very much mistaken.

The Canadian Reciprocity Treaty.

Though the Canadian treaty is dead, another is sure to follow. The Canadian transportation interest has a permanent lobby here ready to seize a favorably opportunity to broach any plan of "*reciprocity*" that will subserve their interests

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, holds that a "*Reciprocity Treaty*" is a compact utterly unknown to the Constitution, and not within the treaty making power of the President and Senate, but that Congress alone (both Houses) is competent to settle such questions under the clause of the Constitution which provides that "Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with foreign nations."

The Sandwich Island Reciprocity Treaty.

The Sandwich Island reciprocity treaty will soon be brought before the Senate for action.

Heretofore the opposition to the free and liberal exercise of the treaty making power has been confined exclusively to the House, which in each contest—as in the Alaska treaty—has been worsted by the Senate.

Now, however, that Senator Morrill has taken the House view of the subject into the Senate, a very lively debate may be expected, and it is not improbable that the question may come before the House as well as the Senate.

Northern Pacific.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads has decided to kill the bill now before it providing for the recusitation of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The company asked that the Government should guarantee the interest on its bonds, and agreed to file a deed of trust with the Secretary of the Treasury so that the Government should lose nothing. The bond holders, on the other hand, objected to any aid from the Government unless provision was first made for the payment of outstanding indebtedness. In view of the financial stringency, the committee decided not to extend any further Government aid in that direction. This effectually kills the Northern Pacific project, for the present at least, as the Senate committee has taken the same action.

DIAMOND

STATE BREVITIES.

SUNBURY wants a new jail.

DIPHTHERIA prevails at Phillipsburg.

SCARLET FEVER prevails in Mercer county.

EX-GOV. CURTIN gave $100 to sustain a reading room at Bellefonte.

SOME bees in Carbon county took up quarters in a blacksmith's bellows.

THE actual indebtedness of Montour county, over and above cash on hand, is $35,-213.16.

MICHAEL GRIM, a soldier of the war of 1812, died in North Sewickly, Beaver county, last week.

THE Wilcox, Elk county, Tanning Company has tanned one hundred thousand buffalo hides since last spring.

IT is estimated that Elk lumbermen pay the railroad annually about $500,000 for freights, and they growl loudly at the rates.

A NINE year old daughter of Patrick Logue was burned to death at Karns City on Tuesday, by her clothing catching fire from the grate.

MRS. SQUIRES, wife of the District Attorney of Luzerne county, hung herself the other day while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity.

MR. LEWIS SMITH, of Titusville, while eating a piece of raw beef, on Tuesday, choked to death. A piece of the beef weighing one and three-quarter ounces lodged in his throat.

ALTOONA almost invariably takes a hand in whatever is going, hence we are not surprised to learn that it numbers among its citizens a man of matured years who has never tasted an apple or indulged in a glass of cider.

THERE was a panic in the Freeport M. E. church last Saturday night. The soot in the chimney caught fire and sent up a lively blaze above the roof. The people turned out and soon extinguished the incipient conflagration.

THE ladies of the Relief Association of Uniontown, beside sending three large boxes of clothing to the people of the West, have not forgotten that "charity begins at home," and have done as much for their own poor.

A HARRISBURG woman, a few days ago, threw some slops out of a second-story frame window, and spoiled the hats of thirty-seven Democratic aspirants for office. And it was a poor day for Democratic aspirants, too.

AN Erie Bull recently caught sight of Dan Rice's elephant going to water and charged on him. The man who owned the bull said that there was nothing worth saying except the ring in the nose, and that was badly bent.

THE Meadville Water Company is pushing forward its work with considerable energy. The reservoirs are nearly completed. The pipe is now being delivered, and the contract for the necessary machinery has been granted.

THE Phœnix Iron Company announces another reduction in wages, to take effect February 1, 1875. The amount of reduction is not yet determined upon, yet it will be in the neighborhood of 10 per cent., and extend to all departments of the works.

MRS. D. C. GRAVES attempted to poison herself at a hotel in Franklin, Sunday afternoon. A stomach pump brought her to, and she returned home in Oil City. Her husband had been arrested for alleged embezzlement, which induced her to attempt suicide.

WILLIAM KERR, a young man of twenty, residing a few miles from Greensburg, Pa., was instantly killed on Tuesday. He had entered his brother's house, and had with him a shot gun. By some means the gun was discharged into Kerr's head, with the fatal result stated.

A POTTSTOWN lad named Raymond Edelman, while on the ice, got his left hand too near an ice saw and had a finger cut clean off. His hand was benumbed with the cold, and he was not aware that he had lost a finger until it was picked out and shown to him.

A GREAT many unwilling witnesses have been subpœnaed to attend the Blair County Court, which is now in session. Several illegal liquor sellers were arrested in Altoona, and gentlemen who were in the habit of taking a clandestine nip, now find they will have to up and tell all about it. The Court is determined there will realize handsomely from fines.

A YOUNG MAN named Close was found near Monocacy Station, Berks county, on Sunday morning, hanging on to a fence, perfectly stiff from the cold. The lower portion of his body was frozen black, and his ears broke when touched. He was removed to his home in Reading, and it is thought his legs will have to be amputated.

ONE of the messengers in the House of Representatives of this State is from Blair county. His wealth is put down at $30,000; but as business is rather dull at present he is turning an honest penny in the House as a kind of foot-boy, at a salary of $600 a year. The name is Theophilus Snyder, and he is a Democrat.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

AN UNKNOWN TRAMP wandered into the Bridgewater M. E. Church, one evening last week, and after services were concluded, insisted on relating his experience. As the general appearance of the stranger indicated that a recital of his experience would be very much out of place in a house of worship, he was very quietly and kindly twined his fingers about the wanderer's ear, and gallantly escorted him to the door.

AN affecting scene occurred on Seneca street a few days ago. It chanced that a divorced couple met on the side-walk, when the husband, the old love strong in him once more, fell on the neck of his divorced wife and impressed on her cheek an affectionate kiss. The woman was too proud to maintain her rights, and gave her former husband (it probably came natural to her) a ringing slap on the side of the face accompanied by the remark, "Get out of here, you." It was the most natural illustration of giving a kiss for a blow we ever beheld.—*Oil City Derrick.*

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Beaver Falls, among other things says: "Another matter of fulness is the Chinese school taught in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, on Sabbath afternoon. From twenty-five to sixty attend this school, frequently varies in numbers. No teacher had more than three scholars; most of them only two, and some of them but one. The scholars were very attentive and orderly. Some of them now read and talk English. A number of those who attend the school have become disgusted with heathenism. It is said they will even ridicule their comrades when they engage in their idol worship. My fears is they will be perpetual.

THE Clinton *Democrat* relates the following: "A painful result of the folly of a young man resulted in the loss of a young lady's arm on Tuesday. It appears that last summer a young man in her company caught her by the hand and gave her left arm a twist. It was found to strain a muscle of her arm, and a small lump arose just above the wrist, causing her so much pain that it has been under medical treatment ever since. Recently the arm was opened, and it was discovered that the lump, which had now increased in size, had developed into a cancer. On Tuesday the arm had to be amputated to save her life. The young lady is a tailoress, and dependant upon her industry, and by this painful result is deprived of her trade. It is a distressing occurrence, and painfully illustrates the vanity of folly that young men are guilty of in company, of twisting and wrenching the arms of young women."

BETSY WILLIAMS, one of the last of Pennsylvania's slaves, died in Lewisburg recently, at the advanced age of seventy-five. She was purchased by William Davis, of Limestonville, Montour county, when only eight years old. At the age of eighteen she became free. Her skill as a cook was unsurpassed, and she wielded her authority with regal sway in the kitchen. Her fame spread throughout the neighboring country. Many are recollections possessed by as many persons of when the royal way in which she browned a turkey. Her doughnuts were unsurpassed. She was a good friend or a good enemy. She was perfectly identified with the interests of the family with whom she lived. Her master's friends were her friends; his enemies, her enemies; his joys, her joys; his sorrows, her sorrows. As age crept upon her, her manners became somewhat blunt and not winning. The small-headed child did not hesitate to climb upon her friendly lap, and even the brute creation, such as dogs and cats, were attracted toward her and always found her ready to befriend on all emergencies. The old house, at last was broken up, and old "Aunty" found a home with one of the daughters of her old master, Mrs. Dr. Marr, of Lewisburg.

Walking Horses.

Walking is as valuable a quality in a horse as speed; and a horse that walks strong and fast is a valuable horse for all general use, and especially for farm work and heavy teaming. Among our farmers little attention is given to the development of this quality, but those who have valuable team horses which are employed much on the road in the drawing of heavy loads, take great pains to have them walk well. We know of one man who has a valuable pair of five year old horses, which have never trotted a step, and he says he would not have them trot for any sum. He is teaching them to be good walkers, and as they are used entirely on the road, he justly deems this quality as one of much importance. They are never urged forward by the whip, but are well-fed, reasonably loaded, and are always ready and prompt to do whatever is required of them. This gentleman, who has had a long experience among horses and cattle, says that a nervous, uneasy man, who is always urging his team forward and constantly keeping them strained up to a high tension, does not get as much work from them in a day as the man who is more quiet, who gives them more freedom, and who does not himself get fidgety or uneasy. All who have the care of team and work horses should bear this in mind.—*Maine Farmer.*

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, January 29, 1875.

The murky and rainy character of the weather, yesterday, impeded general business, and lightened the demand at the banks. There was, however, a fair volume of banking business transacted. The same general condition of affairs we have hitherto mentioned continues,—a large accumulation of deposits and of loanable funds, and but small demand. This must continue till Spring activity develops.

The New York *Herald* shows a gloomy outlook for our gold product. It claims that the problem is still more entangled, and new anxiety was induced by the announcement that the Bank of England was a large loser of coin during the past week, the amount of the decrease being shown to be £246,000. Added to this was our continued heavy coin shipments, the engagements for Tuesday's European steamers amounting last week to $500,000, which Boyer puts at $1,000,000. To Havana Tuesday, and the reported purchase by a foreign banker here of $700,000 gold against concurrent sales of new bills on London account; also the small exports of produce for the week, together with a rumor that the Syndicate had taken an additional amount of $20,000,000 new fives, and that a call for a like amount of fives would be issued February 1.

We are, and have been for weeks, bleeding gold at every pore. The products of the earth earned by agricultural labor are thrown back upon us, while our mining resources are being taxed to their utmost. Where is all this gold coming from? is the question on every lip.

As indicating where the gold is going, we append the following:

The bullion in the Bank of England increased £231,000 the past week. The proportion of the bank reserve to the liability, which last week was 47 3-8 per cent., is now 50 per cent. The Directors of the Bank of England today fixed the discount rate at 6 per cent. Consols: money 92⅝@92⅞; account 92⅝@92⅞; 5-20's of '65, 107⅛; do '67, 107⅜; 10-40's, 104⅝; new 5's 102⅜; New York Central 91; Erie 24; do preferred 46¾. PARIS, January 28.—The specie in the Bank of France increased 29,578,000 francs the past week. Rentes 62f. 35c.

Activity in the Tea Trade.

[From the New York Bulletin.]

Late in December last attention was called to indications pointing at that time to a renewal of activity in Tea as likely to ensue on the turn of the year. Those indications are now fully verified. Business has been recorded since the first instant to the extent of fully 44,000 packages of Green Tea, 23,000 of Japan and 71,000 of Oolong, or a total of 138,000 packages, counting only those reported being sales direct from importers' hands, through their brokers, though in some instances the invoices were resold. This notable activity, which shows as yet no signs of subsiding, has been at a marked advance in prices, while the quotations of the line trade have been steadily maintained. The business has been stimulated by the prospects of a duty again being imposed, which would of course advance prices. The more cheerful condition of monetary affairs here and in the West has also tended to give an impetus to the trade.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, January 28.—Cotton quiet and nominal; the unfavorable weather checks business; outside figure for staple cotton—middling 14¾@15c.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1875.

The leading produce markets continue dull, unusually so, for this season of the year, but it is hoped and expected that therewill soon be a change for the better; indeed, there are already signs of improvement in some branches of business, and while no special activity can be expected until the middle of next month, there is not much doubt but there will be partial improvement in trade very soon. Our merchants have nearly all been complaining of business for some time past, alleging that, in addition to a very limited demand, there has been little or no margin for profit, also that collections are unsatisfactory, and the great majority of them are now refusing to sell, except for cash or to short time buyers, who are known to be prompt pay.

APPLES—There is a very fair jobbing demand, and as the receipts for some time past have been light and the stock, especially of good sound fruit, is considerably curtailed, the market is firmer, but prices are not quotably higher; sales at $1.50@2.50 for common to prime.

APPLE BUTTER—20@25c ₰ gal.

BEANS—Mediums are in good supply and dull. Sales to the trade at $1.80@1.85 ₰ bushel; prime navies are in light stock, but there is not much inquiry for them just now, and we quoted at $1.95@2. The feeling prevails to some extent that Beans will be better sale between now and Spring.

BUTTER—The market is better, comparatively light, and with an average demand and diminished supply, the market is firmer, without, however any material change in prices. Choice to fancy rolls at 27@30; medium to good, 20@25c, and 12@15 for common. In the event of increased receipts a reaction would be the result, as the demand is light, unusually so for this season of the year, and there is no inquiry for export.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3@3½c ₰ lb.

BROOMS—We quote Union Factory prices; No. 2, ₰ dozen, $2.35; No. 3, $2.90; No. 4, $3; No. 5, $3.50; No. 6, $4.75. Carpet Brooms, $4@$6. 4 do, $4.25; steamboat; $4.50, with the usual discount to the trade.
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DRIED FRUIT—There is some inquiry for Apples, and the stock in this market is light. Peaches continue very scarce and quotable at 6½@8c, as to quality, and the latter at 8½@9½c for halves.

EGGS—The market is generally reported dull, and while the supply is not large, it is in excess of the demand, which is very light; cannot be quoted above 20@22; packed unchanged at 20@22c.

FLOUR—There is a fair local trade, but the market continues very quiet, and prices remain without quotable change. Spring wheat flours, $5.50@6, for Nonpareil, $6@6.50 for Iowa and Minnesotas; winters, $5.50@6.50 for red and $6@$6.25 for amber and white. Rye Flour, $5.50 to $6.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade continues dull, and while hopes of an early change for the better are entertained, the indications at this writing are not as favorable as could be desired. Coffee continues firm, under the influence of the advices from the seaboard, where there has been an advance of ¼@⅜c ₰ lb within the past few days. Advices from New Orleans report Sugars firm, while the reports from the east are of a different character. The New Orleans Molasses in fair demand and considered a good property at quotations. Teas are firmer, considerably excited in consequence of the probability of the import duty of ten cents ₰ lb being put on again.

SUGARS.

Crushed.....	11¼	Standard B......	10⅜
Granulated.....	11¼	Ex C ₰ standard	10¼
Powdered.....	11¼	Ex C ₰ bbl.....	10⅛
Standard A.....	10⅝	Fair to Good.....	9@9¼
N. O. Sugar..	8½@ 9¼	Prime.....	9¾@ 9¾

SYRUPS.

Sugar-house ...	35@40	Sugar Drips...	55@60
Maryland.....	45	White Drips...	60@65
Sugar-house..	50	Extra Golden.	65@70

COFFEES.

Rio Good.....	21	@22	Fancy Roasted	28
Rio Prime.....	23	@24	Roasted Ioose..	27
Rio Fancy.....	25	@26	Roasted Java..	40

RICE.

Rangoon ₰ lb....	7	@7¼	Patna ₰ lb.....	7¼@8
Carolina ₰ lb...	8	@8¾		

MOLASSES.

Porto Rico	50@55	New Orleans ..	73@75
Demarara.....	50@55		

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HAY—The market is generally reported dull, and while the supply is not large, it is in excess of the demand, which is very light; cannot be quoted above 20@22; packed unchanged at 20@22c.

FLOUR—There is a fair local trade, but the market continues very quiet, and prices remain without quotable change. Spring wheat flours, $5.50@6, for Nonpareil, $6@6.50 for Iowa and Minnesotas; winters, $5.50@6.50 for red and $6@$6.25 for amber and white. Rye Flour, $5.50 to $6.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade continues dull, and while hopes of an early change for the better are entertained, the indications at this writing are not as favorable as could be desired. Coffee continues firm, under the influence of the advices from the seaboard, where there has been an advance of ¼@⅜c ₰ lb within the past few days. Advices from New Orleans report Sugars firm, while the reports from the east are of a different character. The New Orleans Molasses in fair demand and considered a good property at quotations. Teas are firmer, considerably excited in consequence of the probability of the import duty of ten cents ₰ lb being put on again.

SUGARS.

Crushed.....	11¼	Standard B......	10⅜
Granulated.....	11¼	Ex C ₰ standard	10¼
Powdered.....	11¼	Ex C ₰ bbl.....	10⅛
Standard A.....	10⅝	Fair to Good.....	9@9¼
N. O. Sugar..	8½@ 9¼	Prime.....	9¾@ 9¾

SYRUPS.

Sugar-house ...	35@40	Sugar Drips...	55@60
Maryland.....	45	White Drips...	60@65
Sugar-house..	50	Extra Golden.	65@70

COFFEES.

Rio Good.....	21	@22	Fancy Roasted	28
Rio Prime.....	23	@24	Roasted loose..	27
Rio Fancy.....	25	@26	Roasted Java..	40

RICE.

Rangoon ₰ lb....	7	@7¼	Patna ₰ lb.....	7¼@8
Carolina ₰ lb...	8	@8¾		

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HOME NEWS.

St. Mary's Cemetery.

The Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery, in his annual report, states that the receipts last year were $14,541.32; expenditures, $11,198.71; assets, $32,831.53; liabilities, $8,367; balance in favor of cemetery, $24,464.53. Ninety-six grave lots were sold for the sum of $7,913.00, making the total number of lots sold to January 1, 1875, two thousand one hundred and twenty-five. One thousand three hundred and fifty-nine interments were also made. Of this number one hundred and twenty-two were buried free of charge. The total number of interments made in the cemetery up to January 1, 1875, amount to seventeen thousand and eleven. Fifteen hundred feet of new roads have been opened and graded; 1,900 feet of curbing set, and the same distance of gutters paved and graveled; 232 feet of sewer-pipe has been laid, and 50 feet of stone culvert built, besides a large amount of grading.

Death of a Venerable Lady.

Mrs. Sarah G. Curtis, a most estimable and venerable lady, died on the evening of the 27th inst., in the seventy-eighth year of her age. Mrs. Curtis was the widow of the late Mr. Carter Curtis, a merchant of the olden time in Pittsburgh, and at one time Sheriff of Allegheny county. She was a daughter of the late John S. Gormly, of the ancient dry goods firm of Gormly & Bell, of this city. She was a sister of the late Samuel Gormly, Esq., of Mr. Thomas McConnell, Esq., and of Mrs. McMillin, relict of the late Hon. Thomas McMillin. One brother also survives her—Dr. John Gormly, of Bucyrus, Ohio. It will thus be seen that the deceased was allied to some of the best of our old families. She has lived a long and useful life, and is, at a ripe old age, gone, we doubt not, to the house of many mansions, not made with human hands, to enter on a rich heritage of unfading bliss.

The funeral obsequies will be at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, as per notice elsewhere.

Numerous Charges.

Yesterday morning a man by the name of William Kaufman, who claimed to be an Ohio man was arrested on a charge of false pretenses preferred by R. H. Patterson, it was alleged that Kaufman went to James McGovern, a huckster in the Diamond market, and obtained ten dollars by representing that he had some potatoes at the depot and would take that amount to clear out. McGovern couldn't find the potatoes, and he immediately had Kaufman arrested on a warrant issued by Alderman McMasters. To get out of this trouble it is said he went to Mr. Patterson and representing that he had a load of corn at the depot, actually obtained fifteen dollars from Mr. P., and handed over ten of the money to McGovern. He was arrested and had a hearing before Alderman McMasters, after which he was committed for trial. During the day three additional charges were made against the same party, upon which he has not, as yet, had a hearing.

OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Narrow Escape of Six Persons—Two of Them Seriously Injured—One Horse Killed and Probably Both—The Carriage Totally Demolished—The Wounded Cared for.

Last night about ten o'clock a [illegible] given by Joseph McKee, who lives about two miles [illegible] the river from the Mount Washington Incline Plane, on the hill back of Temperanceville, a party of young persons, consisting of James Kline, William Kline and [illegible] sister, together with another young man whose name we were unable to learn, started to Mr. McKee's, having hired a conveyance at Jackson's livery stable, on Third avenue, below the Central Hotel. A driver was also employed, who had the carriage in charge, and a young man accompanied him. As they were going down the road just above Painter's mill, almost opposite the "Point," and and up on the hill from Limerick, they came to a place known as the "neck" in the road, which is noted for being extremely narrow, and it being very dark, the driver could not see distinctly, and he drove over the embankment. The carriage and horses, together with the passengers inside, rolled down the hill at a fearful rate—one of the horses going with such velocity that it did not stop until it landed upon the railroad track below. The carriage caught upon a fence post which retarded its motion, and it was finally checked. The other horse had not been found at one o'clock, but it was supposed to have been killed. The driver and his companion who were riding on the seat outside, jumped the moment they saw their danger, and escaped with a few slight bruises. The party inside of the carriage did not escape so well—one of the Kline boys and his sister receiving severe cuts about the head, and other injuries. The other two young men were only slightly bruised. The injured persons were taken into a house near by and Dr. McCord summoned, who dressed their wounds. Word was sent to Mr. Jackson at his livery stable, and he with one of his employees went to the scene of the accident, only to find that the carriage was distributed over the hill generally, and at this writing they had only found one of the horses as stated. The conclusion at this point is about three hundred feet high, and as there are no bannisters to prevent travelers from driving over at any time, it would be well to have this matter looked into by our authorities. Shortly after the accident, the news having spread rapidly, a large number of persons were on the ground and rendered valuable assistance in providing for the injured and in conveying them to a place where they could be properly cared for. The height of the embankment at this point being so great, it is almost a miracle that the entire crowd was not instantly killed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Mr. Davenport appeared last night as *Othello*, supported by Mr. Morrison as *Iago*, Mr. Eilsler as *Brabantio*, Mrs. Davenport as *Emilia*, Miss Troy as *Desdemona*, and the balance of the company in the remaining *roles*. The citizens of Pittsburgh have certainly never had a better opportunity to see fine playing than this week. To-night "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" will be repeated, and those who desire to see Mr. Davenport's wonderful impersonation of *Sir Giles Overreach*, a character which must be be seen to be appreciated, should go.

The Concert Club.

A more select and fashionable audience was never gathered within the walls of Library Hall than assembled last night to witness the charity representation of the "Bohemian Girl." Elegant costumes and jewels "rich and rare" added very materially to the interest of the important event, and between acts opera glasses were kept constantly employed in the delightful task of inspecting them. If there were any who went home dissatisfied with the performance the number was certainly quite small, for if the unstinted applause that was lavished upon the performers can be considered as an indication of appreciation, and it is generally believed that such is the case, then the opera was undoubtedly a complete success. It ran very smoothly and evidently gave satisfaction to all. The chief interest centered of course in the leading character, that of *Arline*, which was rendered by Miss. Jean Wallace in an admirable manner. Without desiring to flatter, or bestow fulsome praise we are free to confess that Miss. Wallace is capable of extorting laudation even from those who may be unwilling to concede it. She is very handsome, and possesses a voice as sweet, clear and rich in tones as the warblings of the Bob-o-link. Her charming costume was very becoming and she looked as well as acted the Gipsy girl. When she sang "I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls," the audience listened intently and eagerly as her superb voice rose and fell so easily that she appeared to sing without the least effort, and when through she received the mixed admiration of plaudits and bouquets. Unwilling to let her go without repeating the song an encore was demanded and given. Mr. Boehme's *Deerlshoof* was excellent. His acting was as good as his singing and in the former respect he surpassed any of the company. Mr. Everson as *Count Arnheim* was a little too stiff in his motions and gestures, but nevertheless in that regard were overlooked in the appreciation of his vocal efforts. He rendered "Heart Bowed Down" in fine style, and was obliged to respond to an encore. Mrs. Tetedoux, Mr. Colville and Mr. Bissell, sustained their parts ably and creditably, and aided as much as any in making the entertainment a success. The chorus comprised sixty voices, and the splendid effect of their good training was easily traceable in the pleasure of the auditors. The instrumental music was furnished by the Germania Orchestra, under the conductorship of Professor Tetedoux. The getting up manner in which it was kept within bounds, and at no time allowed to drown the voices of the singers was creditable to all the players.

The De Murska Concert.

The sale of seats for the De Murska concert next Monday evening at Library Hall commences this morning at Hale's music store on Smithfield street. An exchange says: "The concert of Mlle De Murska, the world's greatest *bravura* singer from Concert Garden, Drury Lane, and Her Majesty's Opera, London, and her excellent company, promises to be the event of the musical season here. Both as a singer and an actress she has received unqualified praise from the most careful and conscientious critics, both in Europe and in our own land. In the Eastern cities her performances have been a march of triumph. Teresa Carena who accompanies the troupe rates among the finest pianists of the world."

Schuyler Colfax.

The lecture next Tuesday evening, at Library Hall, will possess double interest from the fact that an eminent man, Schuyler Colfax, is to speak of one who is dear to every true American heart—Abraham Lincoln. The lecture, has a subject he doubtless knows how to handle, and none ever tire of hearing of Lincoln.

Musical and Dramatic Notes.

THE Opera House and Library Hall were largely patronized last evening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

MAGGIE MITCHELL'S popularity in Boston has evidently not diminished. During her late performance she drew well filled houses.

ORCHESTRA chairs for the first night of the Paris opera sold all the afternoon at 1,000 francs, or $200, and a small box for $12,000 francs, or $2,400.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting Last Night.

Reports From the Various Departments—How the Municipal Machinery is Run—The Printing Question—A Lively Debate—The Water Basin to be Repaired at Once—The Plans Approved and the Contract Let—The Boilers at the Water Works.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of Allegheny Councils was held last evening.

SELECT COUNCIL.

JOSHUA C. PATTERSON.....President.
ROLAND T. WHITE.....Clerk.

President Patterson called this branch to order at half-past seven o'clock, when the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Ackley, Cochran, Callery, Day, Davis, Heagy, Huckestein, Hartman, Knox, Kreiling, McRoberts, McKelvey, Ober, Phillips, Smith, Walton, Wittmer, Voegtly, and President Patterson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. CALLERY, a petition for lateral sewer on South Diamond street. Referred.

Mr. HEAGY, petition for paving Belmont street. Referred.

Mr. WITTMER, a petition for opening Ferry Lane. Referred.

Also, petition for vacation of Kerr street. Referred.

Mr. KREILING, petition for water main on Sarah street. Referred.

Mr. MCKELVEY, petition for grading and paving an alley, between Ridge and Lincoln avenues. Referred.

Mr. ACKLEY, an ordinance for a sewer on Fremont street and Taggart street, to Charles street. Referred.

Also an ordinance for opening of a street from Boyle street to First alley, east of Federal street. Referred.

Also, a resolution directing the Mayor to give a bond of the city in the Court of Quarter Sessions in regard to the opening of a street from Boyle street to First alley, east of Federal street. Referred.

FINANCIAL.

Mr. VOEGTLY, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented an ordinance levying city, poor, business and sewer tax, and making the appropriations for the various departments of the city, (the same as published in our Wednesday's issue.) Referred back to the committee to be printed.

Also, an ordinance fixing the bond of the Health Officer at $1,000. Referred back to be printed.

Also, ordinance authorizing the issuing of $30,000 of sewer bonds. Referred back to be printed.

Also, an ordinance authorizing the Treasurer to borrow $30,000. Referred back to be printed.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Mr. ACKLEY, Chairman of the Street Committee, presented the report of that committee. Referred.

The following printed ordinances accompanied the report:

Ordinance appointing Wm. [illegible] R. H. Lacky and Henry [illegible] assess benefits and damages for improving the Troy Hill road. Passed.

Ordinance for grading and paving Williams street, from Ohio to Perry streets. Passed.

Ordinance repealing an ordinance for the opening of an outlet from Boyle to Fairmont street, and providing for the grading and paving of the same. Passed.

THE POLICE.

Mr. HEAGY, chairman of the Police Committee, presented the report of that committee. They reported that the present police force was entirely too small to protect the city and ask that the force be increased by the addition of ten men. They also submitted an ordinance regulating the payment of fees to the members of the police force for serving warrants. Report received and both ordinances referred back to the committee to be printed.

THE WATER BASIN.

Mr. SMITH, chairman of the Water Committee, presented the report of that committee, recommending the immediate letting of repairing and improving the water basin on Troy Hill, and submitted a printed resolution, authorizing the committee to award the contract to Messrs. McNaugher & Co., for the sum of $35,500, for making the improvement to the basin, according to the plans prepared by the City Engineer. The report was received, and the resolution passed with but four dissenting votes.

Mr. HEAGY, a resolution changing Market day from Friday to Thursday. Referred.

Mr. ACKLEY presented the report of viewers on widening of Middle alley. Confirmed.

Also a resolution directing the Committee on Water to report at the next meeting, the condition of the machinery connected with the Water Works. Adopted.

The business from Common Council was taken up and all actions of that body concurred in except the following.

Resolution directing the Ordinance Committee to prepare an ordinance relative to furnishing supplies and doing work for the city. C. C. passed, S. C. laid on the table.

Mr. ACKLEY presented a resolution directing the Mayor to issue his proclamation for a special election in the Second ward, to elect a member of Select Council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the seat of Mr. W. H. Graham having been declared vacant. Passed.

THOSE BOILERS.

Mr. HUCKESTEIN, a resolution directing the Water Committee to inquire into the expediency of having the old battery of boilers at the water works repaired, instead of purchasing a new set of boilers.

During the discussion caused by this resolution, Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Water Committee, stated that there was a rumor to the effect that the boilers at the new water works were unsafe, but he took this occasion to say that there was no truth in this rumor.

Mr. ACKLEY denied that the rumor was not correct. He said that he had been informed by Mr. Hartupee that he was afraid to remain in the water works at the time the new engine was tested, as he was afraid the boilers would blow up. He said that the plates of steel used in their construction were too thin, and as the flues were made of the same thickness of the same material, there was danger that the flues might collapse.

Mr. SMITH contended that the boilers were strong enough. The only trouble was that the steam drum leaked, and the new boilers were needed in the old works, so that the drum might be repaired.

After some further discussion, the resolution was referred to the Water Committee.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

WILLIAM P. PRICE.....President.
ROBERT DILWORTH.....Clerk.

This branch was called to order at a quarter to eight o'clock. The following members being present:

Messrs. Bodell, Brown, Burton, Biber, Born, Cooke, Cochran, Chiverton, Drum, Erwin, Gerber, Gschwend, Golden, Hopf, Kredel, Lautner, Moul, McGuire, Nesmith, Pentecost, Sholes, Stone, Thompson, Weaver, and President Price.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. PENTECOST presented a petition from Richard Nuttall for permission to erect a frame stable on Benton alley. Referred.

Also an ordinance granting Mr. Nuttall the privilege asked. Referred.

Also an ordinance to set aside the report of Viewers on the extension of Federal street, and authorizing the appointment of other Viewers.

Mr. GOLDEN raised the point of order that the Court had already approved the report of the Viewers, and that Councils had nothing more to do with it.

The Chair decided that the paper was not in order, but as no objection was made, the paper was referred to the Street Committee, as a matter of courtesy to the petitioners.

Also a petition for the widening of Middle alley. Referred.

Mr. BIBER, petition for wooden steps, from Henderson to Fountain street, on James street. Referred.

Mr. BURTON, petition from James Russell for refunding of taxes paid on his property destroyed by fire on July 4, 1873. Referred.

Also an ordinance repealing an ordinance for the widening of Charles street through the lands of Messrs. Pusey and others. Referred.

Also, a petition for a sewer on Federal street, between Pearl and Sampson streets. Referred.

LAYING GAS MAINS.

Mr. BROWN, chairman of the Gas Committee, setting forth, in reply to petitions, that they had no power to lay gas pipes in the Eighth ward, that being the duty of the Gas Company. Referred and filed.

Mr. PENTECOST, a remonstrance signed by thirty property holders against the widening of Middle alley. Referred.

Mr. BIBER, a resolution against the grading and paving of the sidewalk on the west side of Howard street. Referred.

Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on City Property, presented their report setting forth that it was inexpedient to pave the First ward Diamond Square at present.

They also reported adversely to the construction of a tower on City Hall for the fire alarm bell at present.

The report was also accompanied by an ordinance for the election of a janitor for City Hall, and a resolution making the messenger of Councils the assistant janitor.

The report was received and filed; the ordinance referred to be printed; and the resolution voted down.

THE CITY PRINTING.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Printing, presented an ordinance in reference to the letting of the contract for city printing. The ordinance provided for the advertising for proposals for city printing five times before the letting of the contract; three papers to be chosen—two English and one German; the matter of circulation within the city limits to be taken into consideration, and the contract to be let to the lowest bidder accordingly.

Mr. GOLDEN offered an amendment to the section so as to read "two established English newspapers, one of which shall be printed in Allegheny City."

The gentleman made a lengthy address in support of this amendment, in which he complimented the Pittsburgh press for its enterprise and ability, but contended that home institutions should as far as possible be patronized and sustained. He thought this amendment would come within the meaning of the law.

Mr. MOUL said he did not know how it could be done, as there was but one English paper published in the city, and the amendment would compel them to give it the contract at any price it might ask.

Mr. STONE contended that the law would not allow them to let the contract in that way; they were compelled to let to the lowest and best bidder, and while he would do all that could legally be done, to aid a home enterprise, yet they could not adopt this amendment without going outside of the law.

Mr. GOLDEN said they could easily arrange the matter of price by making a provision that the English paper in Allegheny City chosen as City Printer should not charge more than the German paper, which secured the contract.

The gentleman also launched into animadversions on the course of the Pittsburgh papers in advocating consolidation against the interests of Allegheny, and contended if there had not been such an upheaval and exposure of fraud in official places in Pittsburgh, the consolidation would have been effected. The gentleman thought in view of such facts, that the Councils of Allegheny were hardly ready to give them its patronage, to help them in working against the city's interest.

Mr. CHIVERTON thought all the papers ought to be placed on the same footing. He thought they ought not to make any discrimination in favor of an Allegheny paper, unless it came up to the provisions of the ordinance.

After some further discussion a vote was taken on the amendment and it was voted down.

Mr. GOLDEN then moved to amend by striking out the words "two English," and making the section provide for "one English and one German." He contended that this amendment would save one-third of the expense.

The yeas and nays were called for on the amendment, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bodell, Brown, Cooke, Chiverton, Drum, Erwin, Gerber, Gschwend, Golden, Hopf, Kredel, Lautner, McGuire, Nesmith, Pentecost, Thompson, Weaver—17.

Nays—Messrs. Burton, Biber, Born, Cochran, Moul, Sholes, Stone, President—8.

The ordinance was then referred back to be printed as amended.

Mr. BURTON, from the Committee on Wooden Buildings, presented two ordinances granting permission to Robert Blair and the German Protestant Church the right to erect frame buildings as petitioned for.

The ordinances were read three times and passed finally.

Mr. MOUL presented a resolution requesting an inquiry by the proper officer into the insufficient gas light on Main street, Fourth ward. Passed.

In the business from Select Council was the report of the Viewers on the opening of Middle alley, which elicited a lengthy discussion. It was finally laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. KREDEL presented a resolution declaring vacant the seat of Mr. C. L. Shand, and authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation to have the vacancy filled.

Adjourned.

THE COURTS.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court.
(Before Judge McCandless.)

Samuel Kime, of Mifflin county, bankrupt, it appearing that the bankrupt has in all things conformed to his duty under the bankrupt act, it is ordered that he be and is hereby discharged from all debts except such as are by said act excepted.

In the case of Dawson & Bailey vs. Collins, Poole & Co., of Venango county, the hearing on a motion for an injunction against Charles Lanchenback and Henry Lanchenback, was continued by consent until the 29th inst.

In the matter of Carrier & Baum, of Pittsburgh, bankrupts, the petition of Andrew F. Baum, one of the said bankrupts, was presented, and an order issued for a meeting of the creditors of the said A. F. Baum, before Samuel Harper, Esq., Register, on the 11th prox., to consider and pass upon a proposition to be made to them by the said A. F. Baum, and that the assignee notify the creditors by printed circular and newspaper advertisement, and the said Register to preside at and over said meeting, and make report thereof to Court.

Wharton Bros. & Co., bankrupts, of this city. On petition of bankrupts presented, an order was made allowing them to amend their schedules.

Frederick M. Coombs, bankrupt, of Venango county. The appointment of J. D. Chadwick, of Franklin, as assignee, was approved.

Wm. A. Sipe, assignee of S. J. Rankin, bankrupt vs. C. Reiter Bro. & Co. A rule was granted on assignee to show cause why judgment should not be opened.

S. P. Chester vs. the steam tug "Veteran No. 2." I. and A. Hays & Co., lumber merchants, be allowed to intervene for supplies furnished.

W. H. Curry, bankrupt, of Crawford county, and Alex. Ross, of Warren county. The reports of the Auditor appointed to ascertain and liquidate the liens against the said estate were presented and confirmed subject to exceptions within ten days.

Andrew Harlung, bankrupt, of Allegheny City, on petition of bankrupt, an order was made for a meeting of the creditors to consider a proposition of the bankrupt, to compromise the debts due them from him. The meeting to be before Register Shafer.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.
(Before Judge Sterrett.)

In the second case of Reiter & Co. vs. A. J. Nellis & Co., reported yesterday, the jury is out.

The case of the Enterprise Savings Bank vs. the Nation Trust Company, an action to recover a balance of $2,000 alleged to be due on a certified check is on trial.

Samuel Cowley applies for a divorce from Mary A. Cowley, on the ground of desertion. A subpœna was awarded.

Trial List for To-day.

Bertram vs. Pfarr & Dietsch.
Watterson vs. A. V. R. R. Co.
Beatty et al., administrators, vs. Coleman.
McElroy & Dickson vs. Ash.
Ward, assignee, vs. Stewart.
Same vs. Little, Jr.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.
(Before Judges Kirkpatrick and White.)

In the case of McCabe's executor vs. Hickey the jury returned a verdict for defendant.

The case of Stockdale, for use, vs. Keys Bros. previously reported, is still on trial.

The jury is still out in the case of Hatch and wife vs. Gaver.

The case of John Danly vs. John H. McMasters, an action on a lease, is on trial before Judge White.

Trial List for To-day.

Whally vs. P. R. R. Co.
Connolly vs. Young.
Folk et ex. vs. Mills et ux.
Kallihan vs. Barton & Keeney.
Balantine vs. Kearns et al.
Baum vs. Bachop.
Shaw et al. vs. Dallas et al.
Schooley vs. McLaughlin.

Criminal Court.
(Before Judge Collier.)

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Sanford Hillory, a school teacher of Elizabeth township, charged with assault and battery on a pupil named Charles Lynch, was resumed yesterday morning and occupied nearly the entire day. The jury found a verdict of guilty, but recommended the defendant to the extreme mercy of the Court. He was sentence to pay a fine of six and a quarter cents and costs.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. John Mulligan, indicted for perjury, on oath of Joseph Koenig, is on trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.

H. Hardtmeyer,	H. R. Bosler, et al.
Calvin Smith,	Catharine Knite,
Louis Graff,	Mary Hughes,
Amelia Jones,	Benj. Davis,
Robt Wells et al.	Jas. White, et al.
M. Bollenberg, (2,)	M. Hickenbottom,
Abraham Reed,	John McGilvray,
Christina Deitz,	Frank Jones, (2,)
Joseph Wassau,	Patrick McKeefrey.
Mary E. Staude,	James Lacey.
John Connor,	Henry Mess et al.
F. Holland, (2)	Frank Hohl.

HARPING ON THE PROCLAMATION.

The Indignant Taxpayers' Union—What it Knows About Another Election.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon eight members of the Taxpayers' Union were called to order, Mr. Finley in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Riddell, from the Committee on Legality of the Mayor's election, reported that the Mayor's proclamation had been published in a morning paper, after the official papers had refused to insert it.

Mr. Ward moved that Councils be requested to rescind the contract for printing between the GAZETTE, *Freedom's Friend* and the city, and that it be given to another morning paper. He said he would be d—d if he was in favor of allowing any such precedent to be established in thwarting the will of the people as he alleged had been attempted by the official papers.

Mr. Riddell thought it preposterous that the city official journals, which he said drew enormous sums from the City Treasury, should decline to immediately publish a proclamation sent to them by the Mayor. The condition of affairs was becoming worse than in Louisiana.

The matter was further discussed in an elevated style, Mr. O'Keefe saying that the GAZETTE had always dealt fairly with the Taxpayer's Union, and he regretted the course it was pursuing in regard to the proclamation, but hoped it would repent. He said any of the papers in the city would take hush money, that it had been taken heretofore, and that not a single journal was pure, or was not troubled with an itching palm.

A resolution was finally adopted and the discussion died of inanition. The meeting very forcibly reminded one of the famous convention of three tailors of London, with this difference, that the Taxpayer's Union does not regard tailors, shoemakers and men of that class with any favor.

Mr. Riddell moved that a committee of five be appointed to nominate a municipal ticket to be placed in the field and voted for at the so-called coming election.

Mr. O'Keefe amended that the committee be made ten, which takes about all the members of the Union.

Mr. Riddell accepted the amendment, and in a speech giving his method of nominating candidates he took occasion to denounce the Twelfth ward taxpayers as pimps and retainers of the ring.

After a long debate the motion was carried, and the chair appointed the following gentlemen as the committee: Messrs. Mellon, Frew, Norton, Dunlap, Jones, King, Robinson, O'Keefe, Riddell and Kelly.

Adjourned.

"PRO BONO PUBLICO."

Spirit of Yesterday's Local Press—Another Installment Concerning an Interesting Document.

(From the Evening Chronicle.)

The citizens of Pittsburgh were thrown into a state of intense excitement this morning by a bulletin which was posted on the window of the *Dispatch* counting-room, which read as follows: "OUT AT LAST. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION. SEE DISPATCH!"

Thousands of persons gathered in front of the building, and Fifth avenue, from Smithfield to Wood street, was densely crowded by excited citizens, all of whom manifested a desire to have ocular demonstration that the announcement, which was repeated and repeated by those who had been so fortunate as to catch a glimpse of the bulletin board, was really true! The demand for papers containing the document was unprecedently large, and four ten-cylinder Hoe presses, working up to their fullest capacity, proved insufficient to gratify the curiosity of those anxious to peruse the document. Never before was so generous an act as publishing a proclamation "Pro Bono Publico" performed, and never before did the public manifest its appreciation in so unmistakable a manner. The appearance of the document demonstrated to the oppressed people of Pittsburgh that their rights could not be trampled upon by a "ring!!" which was endeavoring to prevent them from enjoying the luxury of a new election! The publication likewise demonstrated to them that if the law did not provide for certain contingencies, that the palladium of liberty, the public press, or at least one press stood ready to supply the deficiency and to guarantee them the right to elect a new set of city officers if they so desired. Consequently the thousands who were thus convinced that the "anarchy, plundering and mismanagement," which had so long prevailed, would no longer exist, and that a new order of things would be inaugurated by the disinterested leaders of the Central Taxpayers' Union, gave vent to their enthusiasm in loud and prolonged cheers!

Then a procession was formed and the vast throng marched to Municipal Hall, where stirring addresses were made by "orators," generally concluding with deserved compliments to those who, "contrary to usual business principles," had secured to the people the great boon of holding a new election.

(From the Evening Leader.)

A *Leader* reporter ran across Robert Woods, Esq., Mayor Blackmore's attorney, this morning, in the City Controller's office, where he was engaged transacting some business for a client.

Mr. Woods, did you draw up the Mayor's proclamation as published in the *Dispatch* this morning? introduced the reporter.

"Well, let me see," glancing at the *Dispatch's* proclaim, "that first line, '*Pro Bono Publico*,' I know nothing about. The first three witnesses are mine, at least they are very near mine, but the last whereas is not. Its ungrammatical for one thing, and I didn't write it. The remainder of the publication, giving the voting places, I had nothing to do with."

Is it a copy of the [illegible] proclamation which the official papers refused nearly two weeks ago?

"I do not. That one lacked legality on account of its failure to mention all the precincts, and I told the Mayor to rectify it in his last proclamation."

Have you a copy of the proclamation to-day as official copy of the original one handed to the GAZETTE day before yesterday?

"That I know nothing about. *I didn't know there was a copy taken of the* GAZETTE *one at all.*"

The GAZETTE refused you the original, or a copy of it, yesterday?

"It did."

Do you know of any proclamation but the one now at the GAZETTE office that contained the real signature of the Mayor and the seal of the city?

"I do not. As I said before, I didn't know there was any copy taken. I don't know even that the Mayor signed the GAZETTE one."

Major Hartzell, the Mayor's clerk was next interviewed relative to the time the seal was affixed to Mr. Blackmore's proclamation, the clerk having the custody of the city seal.

Did you attach the seal of the city to the Mayor's proclamation?

"I did—to two."

When was this?

"Both of them *last week*—one in the first part of the week and the other last Friday."

You attached the seal to none of them since?

"I *did not*."

Who brought the proclamation to you?

"The Mayor's son."

Was the signature of Mayor Blackmore attached to both?

"It was; at least I believe it was his signature, or I would not have attached the seal."

You are certain you put the seal to none since last week?

"I am."

Now here comes the rub. The *Dispatch's* proclamation this morning is dated the "26th of January"—day before yesterday, —and says, "I have hereunto set my hand and *seal of the city of Pittsburgh* this 26th day," &c. Yet the Mayor's clerk asserts positively that he affixed the seal to no proclamation *since last week*. How then does the *Dispatch's* proclamation, dated only day before yesterday, contain the seal? We leave that for the *Dispatch* or the Mayor to explain, and until one or the other does, we must take it for granted that the proclamation published this morning is no official copy of a legal document.

Since last Saturday Mayor Blackmore has attached his signature to no warrant or other city document, for the stated reason that he has been too ill to write his name. The city business has been urgent, documents have been awaiting his signature since Saturday, but none have been signed. How, then, according to the *Dispatch*, does Mayor Blackmore's signature appear to a document dated day before yesterday? Was he too ill to affix his signature to official business of the city, but yet able to sign a proclamation? We pause for a reply.

The *Dispatch* to-day, in referring to the proclamation, asserts that Mayor Blackmore will hold over until his successor is elected, and says that if Mr. McCarthy endeavors to take possession of the office next Monday, Mayor Blackmore should call upon his police force and "all well-disposed citizens" to "deal with the intruder promptly, summarily and effectively." In other words, that if McCarthy should endeavor to take his seat he should be kicked out, even if it required the whole police force and "all well-disposed citizens to do it."

In his conversation with Mr. Woods this morning the *Leader* reporter questioned that gentleman as to the probability of "blood" next Monday.

Does Mr. Blackmore intend to hold over in the office after the first of February?

"Well," said Mr. Woods, "I am afraid he will not hold over very long anywhere. He is not long for this world. It would be no surprise to me if he was not living next Monday. He is too sick just now to talk of holding office or anything else."

Well, considering he is alive and physically able to act, will he claim the seat next Monday and take it. "peaceably if he can, forcibly if he must?"

"That I do not know. I have never heard him say that he intends to claim the office after the 1st. The Mayor, I believe, has tried to do right, and whatever he has done he has done it conscientiously."

(From the Evening Telegraph.)

In order to ascertain the exact status of the case a *Telegraph* reporter this morning met Roberts Woods, Esq., Mayor Blackmore's attorney, in the Controller's office, and exchanged observations, as follows:

Reporter—Mr. Woods, is the *Dispatch* proclamation genuine?

Mr. Woods—Well, if I can see it I will tell you.

Pro bono proclamation shown, and after careful reading over a portion of it, Mr. Woods continued:—

That is pretty near it—couldn't say positively. This sentence—

"Whereas, My doubts as to the legality of the proclamation which I then issued still remains."

—I didn't write—it is not grammatical.

Reporter—That's a trifling matter; but is this a *bona fide* proclamation, or were there two proclamations proclaimed?

Mr. Woods—I only know of one that is sealed and signed, &c., and that is at the GAZETTE office. I did not know there was a copy out. The first proclamation, issued some two weeks since, was recalled, it having been discovered that the new election districts were designated. It was rather a good thing that it did not get out.

Reporter—Will Mayor Blackmore hold over, as the *Dispatch* intimates?

Mr. Woods (sadly)—I don't think he will hold over very long anywhere. He means to do what is right. I never heard him express himself on holding over, and don't know what his opinions are on that.

In the Mayor's office, Mayor elect McCarthy was asked: What do you know, Mayor, about the coup de'etat the *Dispatch* alludes to—is there anything of that kind in contemplation?

Mayor—I don't know anything about the *Dispatch's* "coup." I presume I will obtain peaceable possession without any trouble.

Reporter—Then the military will not be called out—martial law declared, bloodshed inaugurated or anything of that sort?

The Mayor (scornfully)—Pshaw!!

The colloquy then terminated, and our "information exhauster" next interviewed City Solicitor Bigelow, in his office on the second floor. That gentleman was found flanked on either side by piles of legal papers. On being questioned as to what he knew about the proclamation muddle, he had little to say, except that the proclamation need not be published in the official papers until ten days before the election, as required by law. As to the *Dispatch* proclamation, he considered it of no legal effect, and the question whether a proclamation was absolutely essential to the validity of an election, was an unsettled question in our Pennsylvania law.

Controller Snodgrass was next put on the witness stand, and interrogated as follows:

Reporter—Controller, how long since the Mayor affixed his signature to any official document in this department.

Controller—Not since Saturday last, I believe. The city is suffering and public business delayed for want of the Mayor's signature, and if he can sign proclamations it is very funny if he can't sign other official papers.

The City Clerk's office was next visited, when it was learned that the last official paper to which Mayor Blackmore had affixed his autograph was dated the 21st inst.

Aside from the fact whether the Mayor, who is in *articulis mortis*, and unable to sign public documents for at least five days since, could sign a proclamation the day before yesterday, the document appears faulty and contradictory in other particulars.

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BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····The miners of the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys are holding a convention at Youngstown.

····Allegheny Councils propose to take time by the forelock and go ahead with the improvement of the Water Works.

····The bid for the construction of the new *Herald* building, South Side, has been awarded to Messrs. Wait & Rowland.

····Yesterday, Messrs. Keeling & Co., of the South Side, donated fifty dollars' worth of coal to the newly organized Aid Society.

····On Wednesday evening the clothing store of Henry Otto, No. 831 Penn avenue, was robbed fifty dollars' worth of clothing.

····The moving ice in the Monongahela river has caused breaks in Dams Nos. 1, and 2. Outside of this but little damage has been done.

····George Broderick fell upon the sidewalk at the Court House, yesterday, and broke one of his arms, besides receiving a severe cut on the head.

····Mr. Joseph Stevenson while passing the Presbyterian church in East Liberty, on Wednesday evening, fell on the slippery sidewalk and injured himself very severely.

····A number of jurors have donated one day's pay to the widow of Michael Neville, the juror who fell upon the pavement on Wylie avenue last Tuesday and killed himself.

····A driver on the Pleasant Valley street car line decamped yesterday with thirteen dollars belonging to the company. He left his car standing on the turn-table at the post office corner.

····The Grand Jury has found a true bill against Max Schamberg, charged on the oath of Col. Bayne, with libel, in publishing certain articles in the daily papers during the last political campaign.

····One applicant wants to see Ortwein executed because he is acquainted with him and knows his relations in Germany. He entertains to have the bereaved mother the last words of her miserable son.

····There will be a meeting of the Allegheny City Republican Executive Committee at the Jury Men's Republican Club Rooms next Tuesday evening, to make arrangements for the February election.

····A transient lodger from the rural districts went to bed at Mrs. Duncan's boarding house, corner of Eighth and Penn streets, on Wednesday night, but before doing so blew out the gas, which became asphyxiated but his condition was discovered in time to save him from death.

····Sheriff Hare has already received a number of applications from different parties to witness the execution of Ortwein. Several applicants have expressed a desire to become the executioner and one offers to perform the job free of charge. Others have put in bids at twenty-five dollars and upwards.

····It is stated that Mrs. Oliver Perry Rice, of Indianapolis, Indiana, has received from Hon. George H. Pendleton a legal opinion that she is heir to an estate of $68,000,000. The estate, it is said, is in this county, and its heirship has been traced in direct line to the late Gideon Ritchie, father of Mrs. Rice.

····During the year 1874 the Revenue collections in the Twenty-second District amounted to $701,183.87. Of this amount $178,476.03 came from the tax in spirits; $289,880.32 from tobacco; $124,575.52 from beer and ale; $106,128.97 from banks and bankers; and the remainder from various sources in small sums.

····In our "Court Notes" yesterday, in the case of the executors of the late James McCabe vs. Father Hickey, by an error, C. F. McKenna, Esq., was put on the wrong side of the legal fence. He was one of the counsel for Father Hickey instead of being on the other side, and his labors, with that of his colleague, won them the victory.

····An adjourned inquest was held last night on the body of Edward McCormick, who was killed in Painter & Son's mill, on the South Side, on Tuesday night, and the jury after hearing the evidence in the case, rendered a verdict of accidental death, and recommended that the proprietors of the mill have a railing put around the wheel to serve as a protection hereafter.

····Joen Filson, of the Falstaff house, corner of Grant street and Second avenue, was severely injured on Wednesday by an explosion of gas in the cellar of his house. There was also a gas explosion the same day at B. Bardley's jewelry store on Penn, near Tenth Street, caused by a defective supply pipe, and the pavement was heaved up and the foundation of the house somewhat damaged.

····William Gearing was committed yesterday for a hearing by Alderman Kremer. The defendant is charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on the oath of officer Thomas Keefer. It is alleged that the assault upon the officer grew out of a row, which took place on First avenue early yesterday morning, in which Gearing was a participant and on being arrested, made some resistance.

····The New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co. distributed several car loads of coal yesterday to the poor from their yards on Pike street. Men, women and children, provided with buckets, tins, dish pans, tubs, and wheelbarrows, gathered in force, and one car of 350 bushels was emptied in less than one hour. Women, not possessed of tubs